

NO MORE RACIST VIOLENCE



WE ARE GOING TO STOP THEM

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ANTI-RACIST ACTION

Why We Are Here : To Confront Racism.

Groups like the Heritage Front have been peddling their racial hatred and fascist views in our communities and in our schools.

We've come here today from our various communities to take a united stand against these racists and the threat they pose to us all.

They have been using their hate-line and their propaganda to spread their bigoted and white supremacist lies; we are here to SHUT 'EM DOWN! They are attempting to cover up their true agenda with a deceptive smoke-screen of "innocent white pride"... DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE! Do we need another holocaust to prove how dangerous they are? They have associated themselves with the likes of holocaust revisionist David Irving. They have been seen on national television seig heiling the likes of Tom Metzger, infamous leader of the White Aryan Resistance movement. They are linked to groups like Aryan White Union, Skinheads for National Socialism, Final Solution, Nationalist Party of Canada, Church of the Creator, and Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Their leader, Wolfgang Droege, former Grand Dragon of the Canadian K.K.K., has been convicted of racist terrorist activities. He has been jailed for an attempt to launch an armed invasion of Dominica, a small island in the Caribbean.

History shows that groups like the Heritage Front will spread in times of economic decline, unless people like ourselves unite together to expose and oppose them at every opportunity.

Together we can make a stand against fascism and racism everywhere. United we stand, divided we fall.

FIGHT RACISM BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY!!



Kick Nazis off MuchMusic Sunday May 23

The neo-Nazi Heritage Front has been invited to speak on MuchMusic's new youth talk show "the Real Deal". The show is supposed to be about youth fighting racism but Much is giving known neo-Nazi hate groups a national forum to further recruit young people.

Anti-racists are meeting at Grange Park (south of Dundas at Beverley) at 9:30am and will be heading down to demonstrate at MuchMusic (Queen & John St.). The show starts at 12 noon.

If we want to talk about fighting racism, let's talk about shutting these organizations down, not promoting them on national TV.

ON THE PROWL!
ANTI-RACIST ACTION

ARA—YOU CAN DIS US BUT YOU CAN'T DISMISS US

WHAT IS ANTI- RACIST ACTION?

Anti-Racist Action (ARA) came together to bring people out onto the streets to show the strength of our opposition to fascism as well as our commitment to a multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse, liberated and fun society. ARA is an open group. Our meetings are wheelchair accessible and childcare is provided.

Your involvement is the key to ARA's success. Whether in educational campaigns, Rock Against Racism gigs, in the high schools or in the streets, ARA wants you!

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- get informed—knowledge is power
- Destroy racist posters and leaflets
- Bring anti-racists to speak in your schools
- Confront fascists
- Organize groups in your community
- Join existing anti-racist groups
- Call the ARA info line for more info or to get involved.

ARA: 363-7541

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**WHITE TRASH
NAZI POSER**



**GIVE IT UP!
YOU FUCKIN' LOSER**



**PULL 'EM UP NOW
BEFORE THEY TAKE ROOT**



A WHITER SHADE OF HATE



**White supremacists are
recruiting our children.
Be afraid. Be very afraid.**

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BY MALENE ANPE

It's not that they hate you. They'd never do anything to hurt you. They are misunderstood and maligned in the media.

And all that talk about Nazism is just another vicious lie.

However, you might be well-advised to take your black/Jewish/gay/native/gypsy/handicapped ass elsewhere once the master race has established their white homeland.

"Well, obviously through incentives we would try to encourage people to leave our areas, just as we would seek immigration from other areas of people who are like-minded, people who would choose to move into our area ...," says Wolfgang Droege, leader of the Heritage Front. The Toronto-based organization claimed about 700 members until recently, when Droege was charged with aggravated assault and possession of a dangerous weapon after a fight between Heritage Front members and the Anti-Racist Action. He was ordered not to associate with Heritage Front members as part of his bail conditions and the official membership number dropped considerably.

"I don't think we're being unreasonable. If we want people who are not of our own kind to move, we will provide them incentives. Or eventually what would happen is that they would be made to feel so uncomfortable being in a society where the values are vastly different that they would move."

Lately, the Heritage Front and its ideological twin, the Church of the Creator, have been enjoying a lot of attention. Arrests due to brawls with anti-racists, internal strife, alleged infiltration of the Canadian Armed Forces and aggressive membership drives have put the media spotlight on both organizations.

But what exactly is the goal of these self-proclaimed guardians of all things Euro-centric?

"Racial separatism promotes a plan where each race has its own land, its own territory. Our particular concern is for white people. If racism is such a problem in society then give us our own land. We'll take all the racists in society and you don't have to worry about us any more, because we are going to be out of everybody else's lives," says George Burdi, 23, leader of the Church of the Creator and singer in the band RaHoWa (Racial Holy War) — purveyor of songs such as "This Time the World."

Burdi is soft-spoken and intense, and when he holds forth with his quasi-scientific theories, he comes across as a

WHITE POWER TRIPPERS

A bunch of racists in Metro want to split us into tribes. Why? So they can go make their own tribe. A white tribe. With nice white parents and nice white children who think just the way they do. This is not a joke.

poor man's philosopher king. Exactly the kind of guy who would attract bewildered teenagers looking for someone to make sense of it all. Whereas Droege, who is 44, seems like someone who has learned a few key phrases which he then proceeds to repeat over and over. Unlike Burdi, he does not appear to have the charisma it would take to attract a large number of followers.

"We will often hear that it is important that we protect the various animal species in the world. We will often see organizations that will attempt to save the whales, save the rainforests," says Burdi, who claims that his organization is the spiritual counterpart to the Heritage Front's political agenda and that his race is his religion. Burdi is also a member of the Heritage Front.

"White people have got to pull away the smoke screen that is in front of them, start caring about their own future and put as much effort into their own survival as they do to save the whales. Not that we shouldn't help the whales survive, but what's the point of worrying about mammals in the sea if we can't even take care of and ensure the existence of our own kind so that we will have a future and our culture can be celebrated by our own people without having to have a guilty conscience about perceived wrongs."

PREYING ON THE FEARS OF THE YOUNG

Teenagers are the declared targets of the white separatists' recruiting movement. With flyers left in school lock-

ers and distribution of leaflets outside high schools, they are attempting to draw in the very young.

"Yes we do, and the reason we do that is that young people are more willing to seek us out and to accept our message because they feel that their future is threatened," Droege says.

"Older people tend to say, 'No, I only have a few years remaining. I just want to live them out as comfortable as possible.' They don't have to face the hard decisions that have to be made in the future because of the economic chaos which will eventually be. And so the younger people are more prepared for that, and so that's why most of our support comes from there."

"And also, in the media, we are perceived as being neo-Nazi — we don't look at ourselves that way — but a lot of young people, they don't care. Older people they say that they fought against the Nazis and they don't like Nazis, or their parents fought against it. But today, the younger generation, they don't care any more."

EXCLUSIONARY TACTICS

Whatever they chose to call themselves and however they try to present their views as well-thought-out and reasonable, there is very little doubt as to the supremacist nature of their distastes. Take, for example, Burdi's views on the handicapped.

"Nature is cruel. Nature is harsh. There is no sugar coating there. In nature, say if a wild deer were to give birth to a crippled young, the deer would

make sure that it dies. I'm not suggesting that we do that. But by keeping alive genetic misfits, what we are in effect doing is increasing their numbers, because they will be allowed to also reproduce ...

"I believe that every child that is born, even if it is born crippled, should be allowed to live, but if somebody has a genetic defect like Down's syndrome, allow them to live, take care of them and have compassion for the weak. However, I believe that they should be sterilized so they can't reproduce."

While Burdi claims that he is opposed to any kind of genetic engineering designed to create superior people, he wouldn't mind giving the process of natural evolution a push in the right direction.

"I believe that any method of eugenics that we come up with would be on a much more natural basis where we try to implement nature's process of selection, we try to implement it in a process of selecting the best and having the best mate."

When selecting who should be allowed to mate, there would of course be no chance of interracial relationships.

"I seek to promote among my own kind the concept of racial loyalty, working for the benefit of their own kind and I even urge non-whites to stay to their own racial group," Burdi says. "It disturbs me more to see a white female with a non-white male than it does to see an Asian woman with a Pakistani man, but nevertheless that still disturbs me because it's a still a form of race-mixing and it's unnatural

and unhealthy. I believe that every racial group should be concerned about the survival of their own sub-species."

RACISM AND SEGREGATION

Also concerned about race-mixing is Nicola Andrews, 31, a Heritage Front spokesperson. She admits to being disturbed about the increasing violence associated with the white separatist movement, but nevertheless still supports the ideology of white separatism.

"Maybe what I would just have the option of having is a white neighborhood with a white school I could send my children to ... I refer to it as equal optional segregation," Andrews says.

"Ultimately why I am a racist is that I really want my grandchildren to be white. And I don't think that's a crime. I don't think that's a shame if I want to have my racial line kept white. And I think that ultimately that's happier too. I have a hard time seeing racially mixed people. I think they must be torn. But then again, I'm not here to tell them that they can't mix, I just really want my children to stay — I hate the word 'pure' — but racially in line. So that's why I have to admit that I'm a racist."

Attempting to get involved in the mainstream political system, Andrews was one of the Heritage Front members who got involved with the Reform Party and who was subsequently thrown out of that party when their racist views became public.

"That was another hypocritical thing. Because I know the majority of the Reform Party members out west and on the Prairies, that would be Ukrainians and Scots, they're just as racist. But they don't have the guts to say it. It makes me laugh."

RACISM AND HOMOPHOBIA

George Burdi says that the Heritage Front is unjustly accused of being homophobic, but somehow his argument turns out to be less than convincing.

"My issue is not with gays or with other social issues that aren't directly associated with race. We're not an association that has been established to fag-bash. We're an organization that has been established to promote the interests of white people in healthy, white families that procreate and have lots of white children so we can revitalize our number. Well, that means that it's better that we're not homosexuals, because it's not going to happen then."

There is a belief on the part of both Droege and Burdi that Canada is in immediate danger of being overtaken by people of color who will then proceed to ruin what the white man has built. They have come to the conclu-

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sion that North America was created for whites and that it is their duty to keep everybody else out.

"First of all, we believe that Europeans settled Canada for Europeans," Droege says. "Before the arrival of the white man from Europe, there were no such countries as Canada or the United States. Our forefathers came to this country to build a country out of the wilderness. But today our politicians, without ever having given the majority of Canadians the right to even voice an opinion through a referendum, have decided to allow massive immigration into this country, which means that eventually this country will become predominantly non-white."

"And of course, if you look around the world today, you see that wherever non-whites are in the majority, the quality of life is vastly different from what it is in our countries. The whole mindset of those people is different."

JUST LEAVE US ALONE

Droege says that referring to the Heritage Front as neo-Nazi is "labelling."

"We don't want to dominate anyone else. We just prefer to live among our own, with those who are like-minded. Just give us an opportunity to live with those of similar racial background. It has come to the point where there is not a single nation on the face of the planet that is a purely white nation. Even Iceland, which up until recently prided itself on being a purely

white nation, today is allowing non-whites to migrate to Iceland. And yet, there are many states that are exclusively black, many states that are exclusively Arab, and areas of China that are exclusively Chinese. So why shouldn't we have the right to preserve our identity? Our racial integrity?"

When asked exactly who is considered to be a member of the white race,

Burdi has some trouble providing an answer and says that it's difficult to pinpoint.

And the explanation he finally comes up with contradicts the ideas of racial purity that he claims to live by.

"Now, if I were to answer you in a quotable way, white people are basically those who are descendants of Europeans and that identify

with and consider themselves white. There are people in the Heritage Front who are maybe a quarter native Canadian, but they identify and grew up feeling white and associated more with white culture than with Indian culture.

"And so they feel white and their quarter Indian is not as important as their three quarters white. Then there are other people who are a quarter Indian and three quarters white who grew up on a reserve and feel very Indian, so they're not white. So in that case it's not so much a question of blood as it is a question of who do you culturally associate with. We don't try to be very definite."

RACISTS AND REVISIONISM

Following the logic, a Jew who identifies himself as white would be wel-



Dial-a-racist

Recent examples of daily 'inspirational' messages for callers to the Heritage Front hotline, which logs 450 calls a day

JUNE 4

All three campuses of Centennial College now have a course called Canadian Studies and Diversity in Canada. It is a mandatory course, and you cannot graduate without it. This course teaches that white people are real bad and that everyone else is real good. It is pure anti-white indoctrination, and it's totally racist. The race-traitor that teaches this course hates her own heritage and the accomplishments of Euro-Canadians.

JUNE 10

Japan is now under pressure from the world's community to change and risk the peril of a multi-racial society. But Japan is determined to stay Japanese, to preserve its tradition and keep outsiders out. They don't want multiculturalism because it is totally destructive.

JUNE 11

Some questions have obvious answers. Many people ask: Why do the Heritage Front exist? Heck — that's like asking why do ugly women oppose beauty pageants? The Heritage Front exists for obvious reasons. Euro-Canadians is the only identifiable group that the politically correct can hate, the only group legally discriminated against, and the only group attacked with justifiable racism. The Heritage Front represents the only force capable of smashing the racial Mandarism that is hungering to devour Canada.

JUNE 12

ARA stands for anti-racist action and they came to stop racism. What a sad joke. Most of them are HIV-positive anarchists who care little for law and order.

JUNE 16

Myth #2: The Heritage Front is the cause of racism because we promote white pride. Fact: most true hate-mongering is done by anti-racists and only against whites. They are fully supported by a desperate government and they control the media.

JUNE 18

ARA organizers use tons of false information to incite their mobs into a reptilian frenzy. They employed this technique just last Friday night. One of their insightful posters accused the Heritage Front of being responsible for attacks on group homes and the attack on a black female counsellor. That made the mob angry. But the black group-home worker had already been charged with mischief for making it all up. She also claimed that skinheads broke into her home and sexually assaulted her. Right there you know she was lying.

JUNE 23

Some of the worst atrocities committed upon the English language are being engineered by castrating feminist fanatics. ... Have you had a bellyful of these politically correct morons and their friends in Ottawa?

JUNE 24

Isn't it funny that bikini contests with gorgeous women are out and gay parades are in?

JUNE 25

Canada must release inter-racial crime statistics. No more anti-white propaganda. Isn't it time to find out who the real victims are? Then we can talk about hate laws honestly and fairly.

— M.A.

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came as a member of the Heritage Front, wouldn't he? Well, not really, according to Droege, who says that history has shown that the Jewish people will always put their religion over their place of residence.

For someone who is quick to say he isn't a Nazi, Burdi goes to considerable lengths trying to justify the actions of the Germans during World War II.

"Actually Nazism was a movement that was exclusive to the German people. Hitler himself said that it wasn't for export, and I don't believe that I have to reconcile any of Adolf Hitler's alleged actions or defend his perspectives any further, because I may have personal opinions, but it becomes a self-indulgent waste of time. Because the issue is so much broader and more

important than that one episode in human history.

"I believe it is misunderstood. I believe that the victors of any war — as Napoleon said: History is bunk — it's only the version of the truth that is written by the victors of each war and that's true. I believe that if Adolf Hitler had won the war, the Allies would have been portrayed as the great beasts and the evil ones.

"So I believe that in order to be truly objective you have to look beyond wartime propaganda and look beyond all the crazies that populations had to be worked up into to justify wholesale slaughter of another nation and you have to really examine the writings and teachings of the movement."

For all Burdi's and Droege's protests that they aren't preaching

neo-Nazism, there is no doubt that Adolf Hitler and Josef Mengele would be proud if they could hear Burdi explain away the Holocaust.

"I've seen video tapes of concentration camps and I've seen photographs. I've studied forensic tests taken by engineers at Auschwitz. I've studied the purported gas chambers at Auschwitz and I've read long, lengthy books and scientific reports on the purported and alleged gas chambers that existed. And the bottom line is that, yes, there were concentration camps. No one is denying their existence. However, they were not death factories as they're said to be. That's wartime propaganda. Six million Jews did not die. There's no evidence of it."

The popularity of the Heritage Front is growing.

Just thought you'd like to know.

Racists, anti-racists share same subculture

By N.K. CAMPBELL

June 11 was a wild night in Toronto. Anti-racist protesters trashed the east end house of Gary Schipper, a Heritage Front member. Hours later, a street brawl erupted near College and Bathurst.

The first incident was well-covered by the mainstream media; the second was not.

After the first event, many Heritage Front members demanded immediate retaliatory action. Wolfgang Droege, 44, Heritage Front leader, says he pleaded for cooler heads to prevail — without complete success.

"I told them they can't go out and provoke violence, because it will only go against us," he says. "It's acceptable to jump all over racists, but anti-racism is acceptable. It's politically correct."

JUST A COUPLA BREWS

Nevertheless, Front members headed for Sneaky Dee's, a bar at College and Bathurst. They were looking for members of Anti-Racist Action (ARA) — the group they believed responsible for the earlier house trashing.

Kensington Market is the haunt or home of many ARA members. In effect, angry Front members were mounting an expedition into "ARA country."

Around midnight, about three dozen Front members piled into Sneaky's for a rather ominous round of beers, all the while scanning the crowd for certain faces. The doorman at Sneaky's called them "skinhead types." Aware something was up, bystanders paid up and slipped out.

Droege insists they weren't looking for trouble. "They just went there to show their face." It may have been intimidating for some people, some pretty big guys went there.

After 20 minutes, they began dispersing. One skinhead Front member, Adrian, left Sneaky's with a couple of friends. There had already been several skirmishes outside. Two police cruisers sat by the Bistro, across the street from Sneaky's. The Emergency Task Force was also in the area.

ETF personnel told Adrian's group to "break it up." After an ex-

pletive-filled conversation, the Front members split up as ordered. Adrian crossed to the north side of College and Lippincott alone — and right into a crowd of anti-racists, including ARA members.

Droege was circling the area in his car, along with Front member Peter Mitrevski, 24. He spotted Adrian on the sidewalk, being severely beaten by a group of about eight people. "They had baseball bats and rocks and bottles," Droege says. "He was bleeding profusely."

Droege stopped the car and jumped out. "This bigger, chubby guy was about to throw a bottle at the guy's head," Droege says. "But when he saw me coming up, he laughed and instead threw the bottle right in the side of my face." It shattered, causing lacerations. Droege was then pelted with bottles — someone had apparently found a case of empty liquor bottles in nearby trash.

Mitrevski, meanwhile, was whipped with a chain by one female and whacked from behind by someone else. He whirled about, grabbed what turned out to be a baseball bat and began brandishing it.

At this point the police intervened. They arrested Droege for aggravated assault and Mitrevski on a dangerous weapons charge — i.e., the bat. The police say Droege was walloping people with a Mag Lite (a heavy, club-like flashlight), breaking one person's jaw in three places.

Droege and Mitrevski do not deny they engaged in violence. They contend they were just breaking up a savage beating — and, once in the fray, defending themselves. Droege and Mitrevski were held almost a week in jail before bail was set. The case has yet to be heard.

SUBCULTURE CLASH

Relying on nothing but police sources, the mainstream media's version of reality was that 75 anti-racists and racists clashed on College, something akin to a rumble out of *West Side Story*.

But those labels — anti-racist and racist — are so broad as to be meaningless. It was not Heritage Front members brawling with sign-toting protesters, it was a clash between separate factions of a Toronto sub-culture. That counter-culture can

be overtly symbolized by its music of choice — thrash, punk, metal etc.

Within that, the division is on racist/anti-racist lines. "Quite often we have the same type of people in these two groups," Droege says. "They all listen to the same kind of music. Sometimes they even switch sides."

And the mainstream media doesn't like either side. Thus it has dubbed ARA members "anarchists" and "Trotskyites."

Kevin Thomas, 25, an ARA spokesperson, says the anarchist label is incorrect. "That originated with the Heritage Front. They sent a June 12 letter to the police, calling us a bunch of anarchists. Ever since, the press have been using it."

Likewise, Thomas says, the Trotskyite label is wrong. While tenuous allies, the "doctrinaire" Trotskyites grate on many ARA members. In fact, the ARA is an apolitical, grassroots collection of youth cultivated from high schools and the streets.

During the June 28 anti-racist rally at Parliament and Gerrard, ARA members were easily identifiable — shock-dyed hair, black clothes and chrome. One girl sported a baseball cap with "FUK NAZIS" stencilled on the front. Its members share one unifying experience: direct contact with racist groups.

"The white, working-class kids are targeted for recruitment" by racists, Thomas says. "People of color, and lesbians and gays, are targeted for violence."

Mitrevski says the Heritage Front has tried to come to an understanding with the ARA. "We suggested we rent a hall, sell pop, and have a debate. But they just say, 'Ah, fuck you, you're a bunch of Nazis, we understand exactly what your message is.'"

This idea is humorous to Thomas: "Even if they're serious, we'd categorically refuse it. These people [racist leaders] put on media faces for public events, preaching non-violence. But when there's no press around, they beat people up."

Thomas says that, while the College St. melee was not an ARA action, the ARA is "not unhappy" about what happened — namely, that the Front got worse than it gave.

In fact, the ARA takes a certain pride in it.

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Abacaxi: What kinds of organized Hate Groups have existed in Canada? **Bill:** In the mid '70's they were active here in Toronto. The Ku Klux Klan in particular had an open organizing base, they even had an office. But they were run out by community organizations at that time. There was too much pressure they had to shut down. But they basically ended up going into hiding, preparing for a second wave. In the end of the eighties they showed a public face again, mostly in Alberta, in Saskatchewan, and of course around the Oka crisis in Quebec where they started to come out quite openly as the Klan.

Toronto is considered the center of white supremacist organization in North America at this point. Here they are strongest, with the most successful public platform, except for someone like David Duke. He is the Klan member who ran for governor in the United States. In fact he regularly writes for The Heritage Front newspaper and is revered by them because, The Heritage Front tries to project the same kind of public image.

Abacaxi: Is The Heritage Front a Canadian organization?

Bill: They are a specifically Canadian organization. Their main base is in Toronto and they are building around southern Ontario. They funnel white people that they recruit into the more underground and extreme organization like Church

of the Creator, the Ku Klux Klan and other groups that operate out of that. They have intelligence networks and they have a lot of weapons. They do military training. In fact Toronto and Wisconsin are two centres with what are called The White Berets, who are the paramilitary wing of the Church of the Creator. These military units train in Southern Ontario. In fact one of their leaders is based in Toronto, which is one of their strongholds at this point.

Another thing these far right groups have done as part of their strategy is to turn a lot of the political debate further to the right, because with the existence of extreme right wing groups in society, it makes the equally extreme but much more soft spoken and mainstream racists come across as liberals. The Tories come across as somehow middle of the road when in reality they are putting in almost all of the programs The Heritage Front wants ... the anti-immigration stuff. That's been the biggest platform of the far right across Canada. And that's coming obviously from a group that's based entirely on immigrants, because everyone here except the First Nations are immigrants. So you can't talk about logic on this one.

What these hate groups came in and did is take institution and widespread racism in society and try to organization that into not just a

political force, but one that is capable of doing damage on the streets to people.

Abacaxi: In the last few months we've seen a really big increase in organized violence in the streets of Toronto with 70 reported violent hate crimes since February...

Bill: There were 500 reported hate crimes in Toronto last year. Not all of them are nazi's...there are lots of racists...but a

There has been continued harassment and death threats. There has been a bomb threat on an elementary school. That kind of stuff has been growing and growing

lot are related.

In the latest wave of violence, a woman in a shelter for young abused women turned out to be a Heritage Front member. She got kicked out of the residence because she was harassing everyone else there. From there on The Heritage Front went on a rampage against members of the staff, in particular people of colour on staff. That culminated in a fire-bombing of the place.

After that there were more on the street beatings, in particular, three weeks ago a Tamil man was beaten and paralyzed from the waist down. The person who did this was a

Heritage Front member.

Abacaxi: How do you know that?

Bill: This person has been charged. He had been at a Heritage Front show that night, gotten all pumped up and went out looking for someone to beat.

Also, a black community activist that came out of a meeting late at night was jumped on by Heritage Front members who tried to beat him up. Three of them have been charged since then.

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These actions are usually carried out by the underlings in the organization. But the responsibility lies with the leadership, Wolfgang Droege, Gary Shipper, George Birdie... but they're immune from prosecution. They have a barrier between them and the law.

In the Last Year, there has been a sharp increase in violent beatings against people of colour and gays and lesbians on the streets of Toronto.

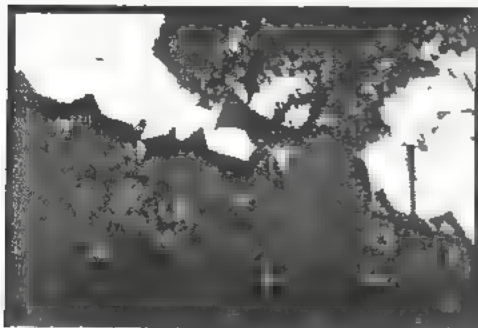
As a contribution to the various debates around how to fight racism and homophobia, Abacaxi presents this interview with a spokesperson of Anti Racist Action (ARA), a youth group receiving much attention for its radical & sometimes controversial tactics. Bill is a pseudonym.

Abacaxi: How did ARA form?

Bill: We came together last September due to a court appearance by Wolfgang Droege, the leader of The Heritage Front. The Native Canadian Centre had initiated a complaint about the hate line to the Human Rights

Commission. They were then joined by the Canadian Jewish Congress in pushing it through. So the Human Rights Commission wanted to shut down the hate line. It's been running for 2 years, running all sorts of absolutely vile messages against First Nations Peoples, Jews, gays and lesbians, almost





street level protest was going to be the most effective thing in the short term at shutting them down. This was something lacking in the other groups.

There was a lot working within the legal system, lobbying politicians, educational

anyone that isn't white, male, heterosexual, and some of those got trashed too. They use it too publicize their events and meetings. In one of their most effective organizing tools.

We knew that The Heritage Front were going to march to the courtroom as a hate group, and we thought that was unacceptable. We got about 100 people to the courtroom. The main thing was to say that you can't march on the streets and expect it to be taken for granted that that's ok.

After the demonstration (we weren't an organization yet) there was a forum at the Native Canadian Centre where the main thing they said about fighting the rise of far right groups is that you have to go and organize within your own community.

When we started getting together we took a look at who was there and thought ... there's a lot of young people here and that's where we can organize among young people. We had a specific role to play within the high schools that older organizations can't play because they don't have the same communication happening. Abacaxi: Why did ARA decide to work the way you do? What is the difference in strategy between you and other groups?

As far as the politics developed, we felt the

forums... I think we have managed to operate with other groups, the more institution or mainstream groups. I think it's working like a parallel strategy... we take things into the streets, into the high schools, and they take things into another level. I think that we've seen that a lot in the last couple weeks, where the more mainstream groups were able to say that because of all the fuss ARA has created, and there's been a lot of fuss, these mainstream groups have been able to say... well look, unless you listen to us, deal with us and address our concerns, you'll end up seeing what happens when ARA does something. Because, if we can't prove we are effective working within the system, then people are going to turn to methods like what ARA has been using.

Abacaxi: Could you give a short chronology of ARA activities?

Bill: Well, after the hate line demonstration, we immediately started working within the high schools. The Heritage Front were aggressively campaigning in the high schools and we wanted to do something about that.

Our first organized ARA demonstration

was when we heard that The Heritage Front were going to be having a public meeting in an undisclosed location with international neo-nazi speakers. We found out the location and got about 250 people out to where they were holding the rally. By surrounding the hall and pelting them with eggs they had to shut down the show and walk out past us. There was a sense then that they couldn't organization

shootings. Then on to the next court appearance for the hate line on January 25th.

We had heard that they would be marching there. Our position all along has been that we aren't going to allow organization neo-nazi marches in the streets. It's an affront to everybody, a provocation.

We went down with 500 people that morning. The police had asked The Heritage Front to go around a different route to get into the courtroom. They refused, so the police took their marching orders from them and said... well, if we can't move 300 neo-nazi, then we'll go and move these 500 anti-racists instead, which seemed more to their liking. So they charged into the crowd with their horses and started beating on people. People were injured. We went to the Police Services Bureau and lodged a complaint.

publicly anymore.

From then on we went on to do more demonstrations... about lesbian and gay people getting bashed here and in Montreal where a man was murdered by neo-nazi. More demonstrations with Black Action Defence Committee around police

system was not going to do anything about it regardless of whether they have the power to do it, which may be a big question.

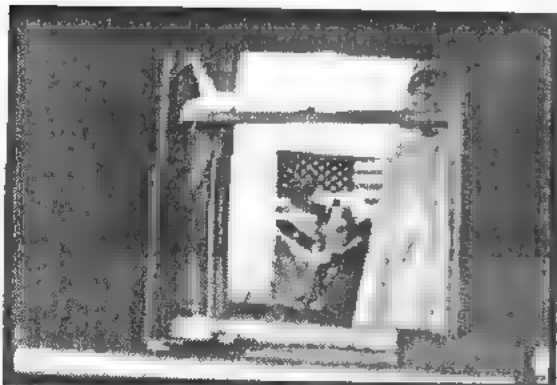
We saw them pushing the limits of how far they could go. That's a principle of power, to find out how much people are willing to put up with without reacting and fighting back, and that's exactly how much they'll be subjected to, somebody has to set the limits.

So we had to show that they were vulnerable, that people weren't going to put up with this anymore. So we planned a march on a centre of their organization, particularly the place where the hate line was being operated from out of.

We didn't disclose the location in advance. We told people what we were marching to and made clear on our posters what the issues were.

A lot of people talk about the violence that happened there. I think that on June 11th we avoided a lot of violence, because if we had marched to where the neo-nazi thought we were marching, which

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was Ernst Zundels house...they had covered the whole house in plastic and stationed 50 neo-nazis nearby, waiting for us to come by. They had specifically issued threats that they were going to pound us and kill us.

We didn't go up that route. We left those people standing there waiting while we were at the other location, where the windows got smashed and some stinkbombs were thrown.

Since then, there have been four anti-racists charged with mischief

For instance, a few weeks ago, the border authorities tried to stop the new Bell Hooks book, a prominent black intellectual, writer. It was stopped at the border under the guise that it was hate literature. The hate literature laws were used to stop that. This is very dangerous. Certainly gay and lesbian stuff is stopped constantly. So, I'm really uncomfortable with trying to push for laws or ways of giving the state more power.

Abacaxi: How do you deal with the question of

absurd, because if white people had equal rights to everyone else, there wouldn't be a problem. But they have privilege over everybody else, that's the problem. They see affirmative action and immigration programs as special privileges. These are privileges that white people have enjoyed for centuries here in Canada and they want to keep them.

Abacaxi: How do you respond to the criticism that ARA's action will further escalate the violence against the people that the hate groups are targeting?

White supremacy and racism are violence. There is no such thing as a non-violent neo-nazi. Organizing against them can't make it worse. In the short term, it looks ugly. But if you look at what's going to happen if they are

let loose and let go, you'll see that the beatings are going to get worse and worse.

Arguments are always given against people who fight back...that if you don't fight back maybe you won't get hurt as bad. But the reality is that if you don't fight back, the person doing the hurting is just going to go further and further.

There is a really good reason for people to be afraid and to say, I think we are in danger, but we are in danger because neo-nazis are neo-nazis.

Abacaxi: People experience situations differently depending on who you are and the amount of privilege you have. For some people it's easy to choose 'violent' or confrontational forms of struggle while others have to deal with that everyday, without choice. What kinds of dynamics does that set up within ARA?

Bill: It's much easier for the white people in the group to say 'I don't want to deal with it on that level, I don't want to be involved with a struggle which is dangerous'...because we can get away from that, hide away and no one is going to come pounding on us right away.

For the lesbian

and gay members, for the people of colour in the group, it's like... 'well that's all very fine for the straight white males in the group, but the rest of the people have to deal with this whether we like it or not. It's right in our faces.

In that sense it's interesting. People have had to deal with the issue of privilege and in some cases have had to deal with giving up some degree of privilege, because suddenly they can't walk around the streets safely, because they are targeted, they're known and they are getting beaten up.

Abacaxi: As anti-racist activists?

Bill: As anti-racist activists

Abacaxi: What was the Anti-Racist Rally on July 28th about?

Bill: There were 2000 anti-racist demonstrators. We didn't initiate any kind of violence. It showed the broad community outrage about the beatings that have been happening and show people, that they can come out and stand together.

Abacaxi: Any closing thoughts?

Bill: A lot of groups have been focusing on the broader struggle of fighting institutional racism, because that really is a much bigger, much more complex struggle at the moment.

On our end we've tried to organize enough people so that we have enough strength to deal with a specific problem. I think the main thing is that you have to make sure that you have enough power collectively



to solve problems. You can only do that by being organized, by using tactics that work, and by building up on small victories.

For instance, although the neo-nazis are an extreme threat right now to people...all the attacks they have been doing in the last few months, in comparison to the systemic racism that exists, are a small part of the problem. They are very immediate, but they are not the whole ball game.

One of the things I see happening is that every victory that we have against groups like The Heritage Front tends to build up power on the anti-racists movements side and enables you to tackle bigger problems as you go along. You have to be able to have victories and be able to show that you are capable of exerting that power. ARA is a step towards that.



over \$1000, disguise with intent to commit an indictable offence. One of them has been charged with counselling to commit an indictable offence.

Abacaxi: What do you think of the police attitude?

Bill: I think they have been trying to portray it as two equally bad gangs fighting it out. That's a misconception about ARA. I think that's trading form for content in some way, saying that you can compare broken glass to broken bones and broken lives.

What happened there was a minor bit of property damage. It was enough to hurt The Heritage Front as an organization, and that's significant. Where as the legality or illegality as far as the police are concerned... it was a very minor breach of the law compared to what's been going on.

Abacaxi: Should we be relying on the law authorities to stop them or should we allow them freedom of speech?

Bill: I am pretty wary of handing the state a lot of power to crack down on neo-nazis. We favor the grassroots efforts at stopping them. People organizing themselves. Because history has shown that power in those hands (the state), has been used against the very opposite people.

freedom of speech?

Bill: That's an issue pointed out by not just neo-nazis but leveled at us all the time. It's an evasion of the real issue, to portray it as a freedom of speech thing. What we are talking about is organization violence. What these groups are about is not just expressing an opinion, it's about organi-

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zation to deny other people their right. White supremacy isn't about respecting other peoples right.

What we are talking about is a defensive measure in response to that, not about taking away other peoples rights, but defending them.

The platform that they are trying to put forward publicly is that they are just promoting their culture, white culture, 'a' white culture. 'Equal rights for whites' is one of their slogans. That's



The new, younger face of anti-racism

AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM, ANTI-RACIST ACTION IS ATTRACTING YOUTHFUL IDEALISTS WITH DIRECT ACTION STANCE

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BY GINNA WATTS
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Their members and supporters are young, their look is alternative, and their attitude is tough. They are the Anti-Racist Action (ARA) — a fast growing, direct-action group which captured the city's attention last January when they took on white supremacists the Heritage Front as well as horseback riding Metro cops.

Many ARA members are the poster children for the 'grunge look', others could easily be mistaken for skinheads, except for the 'racism is war' slogans on their studded leather jackets. Nose rings and tattoos are plentiful, and Doc Martens are seemingly essential.

Most members are new to the field of activism, but some have experience working for other groups and causes.

"It's a really good mix of experience and enthusiasm," says Kevin (pseudonym), an ARA spokesperson. "We have a lot of energy, and groups like us seem to be growing faster than the Nazis."

Kevin explains the appeal for young people. For high school students, racism is not abstract, it's very real. There was a real need to get them involved," he says.

But students aren't just members, they are

on this issue. Why guarantee the freedom of speech of a group who would wipe out everyone else's freedom of speech? I don't think that you can separate what a teacher does outside and inside the classroom. He carries his position with him whether he teaches it or not," says Kuttner.

The more than 200 strong crowd was mostly made up of young students. Their ages ranged from 14 to about 22, and most had heard about the rally from friends who were members of the ARA, or from the flyers distributed around their schools.

Despite the amount of publicity they have gotten in the last few months, ARA is a relatively new group.

It began in September. After hearing that the Heritage Front was staging a march on the courthouse to defend their hotline (now under a Canadian Human Rights Commission injunction to stop taping hate messages), the initial organizers of ARA quickly got on the phone to organize a counter protest. With only 48 hours notice, they gathered 100 people. Realizing that there seemed to be need for this kind of confrontational action, ARA was formed.

In a very short amount of time, their meetings began attracting 60 or 70 people regularly. At the meetings, all decisions are put to a general



Photos from Friday's ARA protest on University Avenue.

Photos by Rodger Levesque

THEIR SLOGAN IS "ON THE PROWL", AND THEIR PAMPHLET FEATURES A TIGER ATTACKING A SWASTIKA

encouraged to take the initiative. ARA actively recruits students who want to start chapters in their own schools. High schools are targeted for posters and news of rallies. And it seems to be working. Last Friday's ARA rally in front of the Ministry of Education demanding the decertification of Mississauga teacher Paul Fromm, was organized by students. (see news story pg. 9)

Although he says he keeps his views out of the classroom, Fromm contributes to a white supremacist newsletter and has been meetings of white supremacist group the Western Guard.

Also present at the rally were several other groups showing their support for the cause, including the Lesbian Youth Peer Support (LYPS), and the Trotskyist League of Canada. Several teachers were also in the crowd, and one, Michael Kuttner, spoke at the rally.

Kuttner teaches at Toronto's Contact School, an alternative high school. He supports the students' work in the ARA, especially their campaign against Paul Fromm.

"I am enraged at the thought that some of his opinions might rub off on students. I don't believe that we can take a civil liberties stance

vote, and there is no central leader. Subcommittees are organized to tackle specific issues, and there is a group elected to make emergency decisions.

Since the Heritage Front was targeting Metro's high schools in its leafletting, postering and recruiting drives, the ARA focused their attention on schools as well.

Not every one at the rally agreed with the ARA's position on Fromm. Many of the students attending were uncertain of the details about Paul Fromm. Several also thought that firing him was not the only option.

"I don't think that students should be taught racism in the school, but if he's not actually spewing hate in the classroom, is it really fair to fire him?" asked one 14 year old student.

Another agreed, but thought that an opposing point of view should be given.

"I know that he's been linked to neo-Nazi groups, but unless he's teaching racism in the classroom, I'm not sure to what extent a teacher's private life should affect his career. Maybe the board should just make sure that his students are hearing the other side," said the 15 year old.

Whether or not they believed in the specific

goal of the rally, most of the participants said the rally itself would be beneficial.

"Even if I don't believe that Fromm should lose his job, I do believe in what they (the ARA) are doing. I'm here to show my support for their organization," said another student.

Several students, however, said that they were not members of the ARA because their school's administration would not allow them to form a chapter. One group of students from Northern and Jarvis High School said that their principal would not allow the ARA to organize at their school because the administration did not approve of its tactics.

Evidence of those tactics was visible at the rally. The protestors carried signs with slogans such as "Hunt the Nazi Front", "Crawl back to where you came Fromm" and "Run Nazi Chicken Shits". During the march, they shouted things like "Paul Fromm Nazi scum, students say your time has come" and "Paul Fromm is a Nazi leech, why should we pay him to teach".

Many of the younger students were not prepared for the ARA's warnings about arrests (cards with a lawyer's number were passed out). The crowd was admonished to stay in

groups of at least four, and to link together, 'just in case'.

"Are we going to be arrested?" asked one young student. "I wouldn't have come if I knew we would go to jail."

The ARA's tactics while not violent, are based on confrontation.

In November, when the Heritage Front hosted a meeting which included several prominent neo-Nazi figures, the ARA discovered their meeting place and pelted the hall with eggs. Their slogan is "On the Prowl", and their pamphlet features a tiger attacking a swastika.

"They (the Heritage Front) are publicly violent, and we have to confront them," says Kevin defending the group's tactics.

The large police presence at Friday's rally was a reminder for ARA members of the now famous Jan. 25 incident in front of the Ontario Supreme Court House, during which police rushed the activists after they refused to let the Heritage Front past them to the main doors. The police led the Front through the protestors, and there were several injuries.

Not everyone in the anti-racism camp, however, agrees with the ARA's tactics. Including Robert Funk, Communications Director for the League for Human Rights, (B'nai Brith).

"There is a place for demonstration, but it certainly shouldn't incite anyone to violence. We know that it's frustrating to work through legal routes when the other side is breaking the rules, but sometimes results take time. We prefer to try and change things through legal channels," says Funk.

Funk emphasizes B'nai Brith is not against the ARA.

"We do commend their commitment. I don't believe that they could undermine our work. We can't worry about how actions are interpreted by people like the Heritage Front."

The ARA agrees that there is no real tension between the two groups.

"We like to work in conjunction with other groups, but we try to make sure that there is no overlap," said Kevin.

Queer ♀ in the ARA

Photo by W. Sam

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* All the names in this article have been changed. Many ARA members and/or supporters use pseudonyms to protect them from potential Heritage Front harassment and violence.

Others have asked that their real names not be used in order to protect them from both Heritage Front and ARA retaliation.

by ERIN GILL

June 11, when demonstrators at an Anti-Racist Action (ARA) protest vandalized the home of an important Heritage Front organizer, newspapers in this city — mainstream and otherwise — have been quick to pass judgement on ARA and to generalize about its membership. One reporter described ARA as a group of "gays and lesbians and members of the far left." No one I have spoken with would agree with that generalization.

I attended the June 11 demo and I was struck by the number of queer people, particularly queer women who showed up. I started to imagine ARA teeming with young, queer women.

The women who were walking next to me as we marched up Bortmount Street to, as it turned out, attack the home of Heritage Front organizer, Gary Schipper. In its flyers, ARA describes itself as an "open group" committed to a "multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse liberated and fun society." It's not a gay/lesbian group, but it does have its gay/lesbian/queer members. It's also a youth oriented organization with many members in their teens. Unlike many other activist groups in the city that make it difficult for anyone younger than twenty to get involved, ARA specifically recruits teenagers.

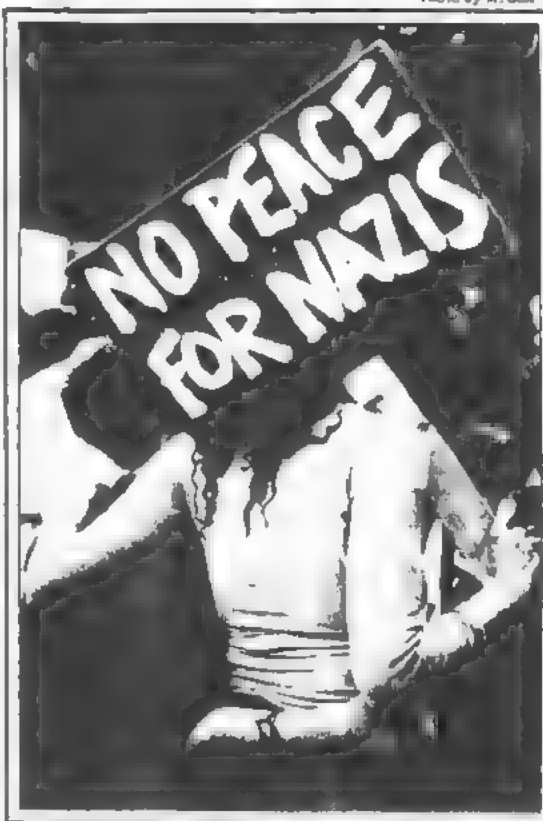
The queer women I spoke with who are, or have been, involved in ARA all spoke of the same initial attraction to ARA. "Susan" attended a few ARA general meetings because she liked the idea of a multi-issued group, a group that would fight not just against homophobia but also against anti-Semitism, and racist organizations. And Susan liked the idea that ARA

operated as a direct-action group. As a Jewish lesbian she wanted to do something about the hate she feels around her.

"Adrienne" became involved in ARA in the fall of '92 and she cites ARA's broad and inclusive goals as her reasons for joining. To her, ARA looked like the perfect alternative to many of the other all-kill no action anti-racist organizations in the city.

"Molly," a member of ARA's media crew and a lesbian, says that it's not surprising that lesbians, gays, and bisexuals would be drawn to the ARA. She reminds us that non-heterosexuals have always fought for human rights and against fascism because it's in their self interest. "Susan" would agree with her — one of ARA's potential strengths, "Susan" suggests, is that because it's not a specifically lesbian/gay organization it may be safer to its queer members to fight homophobia from within the ARA. She wonders whether she would feel as safe attending an anti-Heritage Front rally if she knew all the protesters would be queer. Fags and dykes are still thought of as a bunch of panties and ugly women regardless of how short our hair is and how big our hoots!

That the ARA is not a queer organization is clear. "Molly" describes the gay/lesbian/queer membership as "vocal" while others have asserted that most of ARA's "queer" members identify as bisexual, largely for political reasons, meaning that most of the sexual relationships in this small and incestuous



'homophobic' and 'heterosexism' are ARA does have an internal education program set up (thus far, they have dealt with a couple of issues including ableism) yet "Molly" admits that internal education is often sacrificed in order to keep the direct-action aspect of the organization operating.

"Adrienne" suggests that because so many ARA members identify as

anti-racist involves a lot more than adding one 'politically-correct' sentence into a constitution. And, recently, there have been allegations of homophobic behaviour on the part of ARA members. Incidences of homophobic verbal and physical abuse have been denied by ARA and, although the accusations are impossible to prove or disprove, the question still remains as to what an organization like the ARA, drawing its membership from diverse age, race, and political backgrounds, needs to do in order to guarantee that its 'queer-positive' mission statement be understood and endorsed by all its members.

Apart from allegations of homophobia, many of the queer women and men I spoke with had concerns regarding ARA's structure and decision-making process. "Molly" says that decisions are made at general meetings by consensus. If consensus proves elusive, the

group can vote and a two-thirds majority is required for the motion to pass. "Adrienne" argues that a very small group of ARA members actually run the organization and that no one else wants to cause trouble (specifically for themselves) by blocking consensus.

Both "Susan" and "John," a gay male who has attended an ARA general meeting, worry about a lack of communication between the organizing members and the larger group that comes out to meetings. "John" said that he was surprised and scared at the tight structure and absence of open discussion at the general meeting he attended — for those reasons he hasn't returned. "Adrienne," having been seriously involved with ARA in the past, thinks the problem may lie in the overwhelming self-righteousness of ARA's main members. Their view, she says, is that there is "nothing wrong with this group. This group is perfect."

With all of these problems, ARA still seems to be one of the only direct-action organizations fighting fascism and white-supremacy that young, queer people can turn to. While ARA's name suggests that the organization fights racism (presumably in its many forms) the group has consciously focused its attention on organized fascism and white-supremacists. Some people think the emphasis on groups like the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator has meant that individual racist incidents, institutionalized racism, and internalized racism tend to be forgotten. By focussing on the far-right, ARA may be inadvertently reinforcing the belief that only self-proclaimed fascists are racist/homophobic, etc., ... and that the 'rest of us' are just fine. In fact, ARA's posters and placards seem to suggest that if we manage to hunt down and get rid of every self-identifying fascist then everything will be corrected.

What I keep pondering is the fact that this 'multi-cultural' society of ours has, and continues, to produce people who are vulnerable to the arguments put forth by organized fascism. There is not a finite number of racist people who we can just eradicate. Racism keeps 'popping up again' because it is a part, albeit an unfortunate part, of

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SPEAKING OUT!

group are heterosexual. One person I spoke with said that "if you're not sharing an apartment or sleeping with another ARA member you're no one in the ARA."

ARA is committed to a sexually diverse society but thus far it hasn't put into effect any internal education programs to ensure that all its members are lesbian/gay positive and that they understand what

bi-sexual there is the assumption within the organization that gay/lesbian issues are understood. Yet most queers come to realize that a queer-positive attitude — on the part of an individual or organization — is inevitably problematized by internalized homophobia. Being queer positive isn't a matter merely of identifying as such, just like a company's or organization's declar-

violent Heritage Front retaliation, lesbians and gays (particularly residents of the Church/Wellesley area) and people of colour also become targets of fascists' retaliation after a demo like June 11th's.

The June 11th demo came shortly after Toronto's Tamil community had suffered two racist attacks leaving one man dead and another paralyzed. The demonstration may have helped to show white-supremacists that these attacks will not be suffered in silence, but it may also have increased the likelihood of Tamils and other visible minorities in Toronto of becoming targets for retaliation.

I don't suggest that ARA stop all activity in order to 'protect' people of colour and queers from danger (obviously we are in danger to begin with!), but communication between ARA and the communities most vulnerable to white-

supremacists might allow these 'at-risk' groups and individuals to be aware, at the very least, that we/they are in danger. I heard a lot of queer people at the June 11 rally worry that angry Heritage Front members would 'cruse' for queers in retaliation, and apparently they did. In particular, rumours of a planned Heritage Front 'activity' on Pride Day worried many. I wondered why someone — the ARA in particular didn't make an effort to warn all of us oblivious, celebrating queers. WARN US with leaflets, or with press releases to community newspapers and radio stations. Just WARN US!

In the end, whatever one thinks about the structure, organization, and activities of the ARA, a lot of queers have attended ARA demos because they feel that *visual* opposition to homophobic and racist incidents and organizations should

be a priority. The queer women and men I saw at the June 11th demo were political and angry. We may lead very open and out lives as queers but that doesn't mean we want to limit ourselves exclusively to the lesbian/gay community and its organizations.

And although homophobia is a big concern, a lot of us think that racism and sexism are too. The 'official' lesbian/gay/queer community doesn't offer a direct action group to fight racist and homophobic violence. In fact, queers of colour and Jewish queers often find enough racism and anti-Semitism within the queer community to make the notion of an anti-racist queer organization seem more than a little ironic.

So ... we are left with few choices ... but we'll probably see a lot of politicized, queer individuals at future rallies — ARA or otherwise.

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our 'multicultural' society. We do need to go after the 'Heritage Fronts,' but, in the process, we can't forget the fact that racism and homophobia come in less blatant forms. Most of the homophobic incidents I've experienced haven't come from Heritage Front members, they've come from friends, family and anonymous assholes on the street.

Of course, every mainly-white, anti-racist organization also has the responsibility to think about internalized racism among its members. ARA is predominantly white and that is not necessarily a horrible thing — white people need to fight racism for the same reasons that men need to fight sexism. ARA organizers also need to remind themselves that, although their members knowingly risk

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On Aug. 16, the west-end of Toronto explodes in violence. Fists, feet, broom-handle clubs and sawed-off pipes are used and dozens injured in the worst "race riot" in city history.

No, it isn't a repeat of the June 11 clash between the Heritage Front (HF) and Anti-Racist Action (ARA). It was Toronto's famous Christie Pits riot of 1933. Aug. 16, 1993 is the 60th anniversary of that event. In light of the past year of heated race-oriented conflict, the story is more poignant than ever.

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Christie Pits race riots' 60th anniversary

Striking parallels between Nazi/Jewish street fight in 1933 and ARA/Heritage Front clash in 1993

THE SWASTIKA

Jan. 30, 1933 — Adolf Hitler assumes power in Germany. The German flag is soon adorned with the Nazi party symbol, the swastika.

July — Residents of Toronto's Beaches area begin expressing "concern" about Kew Gardens, located east of Woodbine, running south from Queen to the lake. The Beaches are vacation spots for Toronto's urban-poor Jewish community (centred at College and Spadina). Unable to afford Muskoka cottages, they regularly trek to the Beaches, packing the place up on weekends, bringing with them East European habits, language and foods.

Some residents appeal to the city for a "Gentiles Only" sign for Kew Gardens. They don't get it.

"Swastika Club" local No. 5 is formed, claiming 40 members. The club's stated aim is to exclude from the Beaches "all obnoxious and undesirable elements." They insist this doesn't necessarily mean Jews.

Outside the Balm Beach Canoe Club, they erect a large sign that proclaims "Hail Hitler" (sic, with a swastika). Swastika Club members wear little nickel-plated badges with swastika swastikas.

Aug. 1 — The Swastika Club holds its first event. Numbering around 150, they march from Balm Beach to Woodbine Ave., singing (to the tune of "Home, Home on the Range"): "Oh, give me a home, where the Gentiles may roam/Where the Jews are not rampant all day/Where seldom is heard, a loud Yiddish word/And the Gentiles are free all the day."

Jewish newspapers protest. The Swastika Club denies they are Nazis. That they both use a swastika emblem is mere coincidence. They say the Swastika symbolizes "fraternity and good luck." Balm Beach had once been Iroquois country, and the Iroquois used the symbol for "good luck."

They are the good luck club!

The city's Jewish community isn't impressed.

THE LONG WALK

Aug. 5-7 — The Swastika Club plans a show of force over the long weekend. The beaches are sure to be crowded with "undesirables."

They don swastika badges. They encourage others to wear armbands, or paint the hooked cross on shirts, shorts or bare chests. Young females put swastikas on their bathing suits.

Groups of young Jewish males arrive to help keep the beaches cleared of "undesirables." (Of course, the two groups hold slightly different perspectives on what constitutes "undesirables.")

"We drove out there," one Jewish participant later recalled, "and we ran up on the beach and we tore the bathing suits off these girls, stripped them com-

pletely, we did everything. We took bats, not real baseball bats, but we took little wooden paddles. And we paddled their rear-ends for doing this and all that. They were screaming bloody murder. And we called them all Habentes."

Clashes escalate over the weekend.

Aug. 8 — The police insist people not wear their swastikas because they provoke incidents. The next day Mayor William J. Stewart requests the Swastika Club give up its emblem.

Aug. 11 — Page one of *The Toronto Daily Star* proclaims: "Swastika Club Will Give Up Emblem." The decision causes a split in club leadership. Tensions remain high. On Aug. 12, Stewart observes that "it would not take a very great spark to start a conflagration in the city." He's right.

THE SPARK

Aug. 14 — Game One of a softball series between "home team" St. Peter's and the "visiting" Harbord Playground is held at Christie Pits (officially known as Willowdale Park, located today across the street from Christie subway station). The beautiful 30-acre park, holding two baseball diamonds, is a little "soup-bowl," its rim being the surrounding streets. Bloor is the south edge.

Harbord Playground is widely considered a "Jewish team," though it has many non-Jew members. When it wins in overtime, a member of a group called the "Pit Gang" lifts a swastika-embellished sweater into the air. Another gang member is quoted in the press as saying the Pit Gang wants to "get the Jews out of our park."

The Pit Gang consists of young,

unemployed males from the British working class neighborhoods surrounding Christie Pits. Many people later believe the Pit Gang was being directed by the disgruntled organizers of the now-dubbed Swastika Club.

That night, Pit Gang members sneak down to the clubhouse building. Two members scale its roof and paint a large swastika and "Hail Hitler" on it.

THE MAIN EVENT

Aug. 16 — The rooftop artwork electrifies the city as news reports and rumors circulate in homes on the 16th, an off-day for the softball series.

Several hundred males, age 15-21, arrive at the park early on the 16th, ready for confrontation. They are the "Spadina Avenue Gang," a loose collection of tough, mainly Jewish street kids from Spadina poolhalls and hangouts.

As game time approaches, people arrive by the thousands, hoping to witness something more than softball.

Several skirmishes break out during the game. Locals notice a number of "strangers" in the crowd, shouting "Hail Hitler." The Pit Gang, reportedly drinking rubbing alcohol, are increasingly belligerent.

At 7:30 p.m., St. Peter's wins, 5-4.

At that point, Pit Gang members appear in the distance, on a small hill near the south of the park. They hoist up an old blanket with a huge swastika on it — just painted in the garage of a gang member who lives on adjacent Crawford St.

After a momentary pause, the "Jewish boys" (as the papers dub them) surge forward on masses, maybe

300 in number. At the sight of their charge, the Pit Gang breaks. They scramble up the southern slope of the "soupbowl," onto Bloor, banner in hand, the Jewish boys in hot pursuit.

But on Bloor, the Pit Gang turns and stands.

A vicious street brawl begins, moving across Bloor, southward, down Montrose Ave. Scores of injuries are dished out to both sides, but, in the end, the Jewish boys take the banner from the Pit Gang, tearing it to shreds.

Injuries will never be accurately tallied because most combatants tend their wounds at home or visit neighborhood doctors. Those that do end up at Toronto Western Hospital give false names and addresses.

While incidents erupt all over the park, most people merely stand on the edge of the "soupbowl," watching the events below — Romans looking down upon gladiators in the ring.

The police are nowhere to be found. The few officers in attendance at the game are completely overwhelmed. Their requests for reinforcements take an hour to fill.

THE REINFORCEMENTS

The combatants, however have no problem outpacing reinforcements.

The Jewish boys dispatch people on bicycles. It's less than 10 minutes from the Pits to College and Spadina. Word spreads. Motor vehicles pull up before the Goblin restaurant, on the southwest side of Spadina and College. People pile in, Jews and Italians alike. The motorized reinforcements make their way up Bathurst, Papezation and Grace.

The Pit Gang also calls at your forcemeness.

One Jewish man, then a 9-year-old later recalled a member of the Pit Gang rushing in for the phone booth in his father's store. Bloodied, he carries a metro-long car axle on hand.

"He's phoning in the Nazis. They want reinforcements, because they're getting the shit knocked out [of] them," he recounted. "The guy's back was to my dad. He had the phone up like this and this here car axle in his hand. My dad's a very placid man, but very strong. He went over and took this guy's hand and lifted it until his arm broke and the guy keeled over. He lapsed. So dad just took him, dragged him to the door, pushed him out the door, closed the door, and went back and sat down.

The police finally arrive and cut down off the area. The main fighting dies down, but isolated incidents continue as late as 2:30 a.m.

Five arrests are eventually made. Only one sticks — a Pit Gang member, charged with carrying a lead pipe.

THE PARALLELS

There are sociological parallels between June 11, 1993, and August 16, 1933. Lingering economic gloom, very visible immigrant communities, a failure of the "law" to act, a global surge of racism.

The most amusing coincidence is that during each event Toronto police stood uselessly around Allan Gardens — Carlton and Sherbourne — while the action unfolded elsewhere. In 1993, they were at Allan Gardens, anticipating ARA would target racist-publisher Ernst Zundel's nearby home. In 1933, they monitored a rally of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation, which would later become the NDP.

The most striking similarity is that authorities and the news media demand these kids — Jewish or ARA — "turn the other cheek." Its counsel consists of "faith in government" platitudes.

But why should they appeal to the very institutions that routinely hassle them? The Action dares the Front to reciprocate, to retaliate — and the Front desperately wants to. But Front leader Wolfgang Droege understands the trap and tries to cool out his people. He realizes the city is just waiting for him to make a move so it can pounce and close him down — not necessarily because of moral principle, but because the city doesn't like two vehemently antagonistic, semi-militant groups co-existing. So Front members step up impatiently.

Days before the Christie Pits riot, Edmund Scheuer, a prominent Jewish community leader, said in *The Star*, "My personal advice to the young Jewish people is to remain calm, to avoid any kind of provocation, and most important of all to refrain from taking the law into their own hands. Our Canadian laws — Thank God! — are just, our police excellent and well able to protect any class of citizens from being molested by hoodlums."

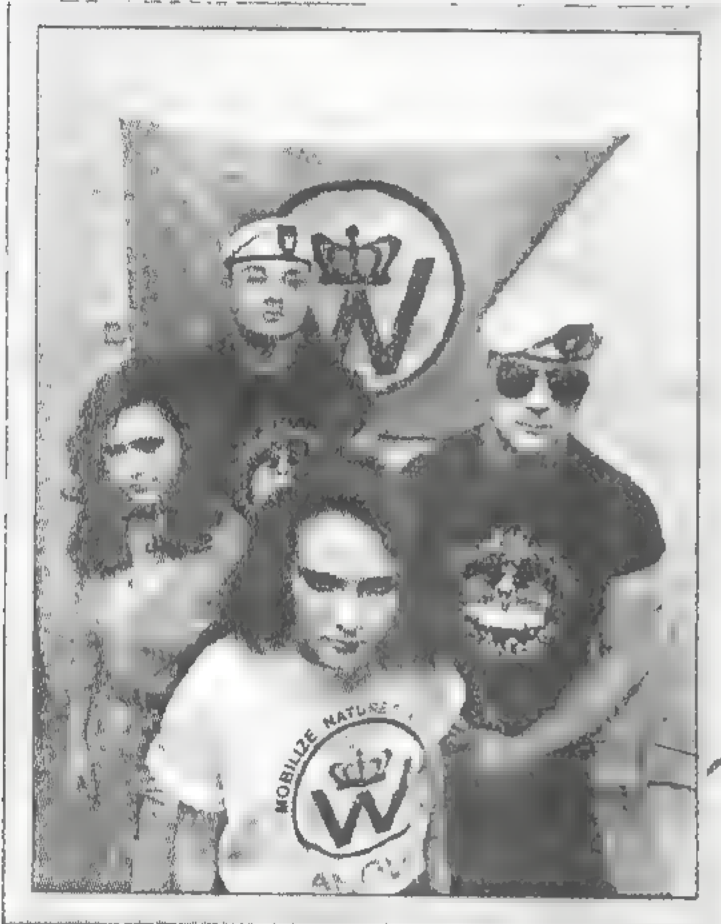
Scheuer was wrong. The police did not protect, the laws were irrelevant. Da obedient action resulted in the dissolution of the Swastika Club and the demise of the Pit Gang's rooftop art escapades.

In 1891, Oscar Wilde wrote, "Disobedience, in the eyes of anyone who has read history, is man's original virtue. It is through disobedience that progress has been made, through disobedience and through rebellion."

One hundred years later and courts say... he's still right.

It's a long way from 'Let It Be'

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Toronto boasts North America's first record label trading exclusively in hate rock



JIM RANKIN / TORONTO STAR

RACISM ROCK: The members of Toronto white supremacist band RaHoWa.

These boots are made for stompin',

And that's just what they'll do.

One of these days these boots are gonna stomp all over Jews.

— Toronto race rock band RaHoWa, perverting Nancy Sinatra's 1960s song called "These Boots are Made for Walkin'."

By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

THIS ISN'T nicey-nicey pop music with a danceable beat. It's way beyond the pain threshold and obnoxious in the extreme, with lyrics tailored to offend any decent right-thinking person.

It's the kind of music and message that anyone would love to hate.

A group of Toronto-based white power musicians has started Resistance Records for the express purpose of hawking some of the most virulently racist hate propaganda ever recorded. Their aim is to attract a new generation of recruits to their brand of neo-Nazi racism.

Enlisting popular music to influence teens is hardly a novel idea. But using music as a deliberate tool to market hate propaganda introduces a chilling twist to the much-debated issue of censorship in music.

Rock, rap, jazz, the blues and other forms of popular expression have a long and honorable tradition of breaking taboos. Is race rock just another way for youth to push the envelope? Or have things finally gone just too far?

Dan Hart, program director at CIUT, the University of Toronto's student-run radio station, says that comparing race rock to other forms of youthful musical non-conformity gives it a veneer of respectability it simply doesn't deserve.

"I wouldn't sanction it with that umbrella," Hart says. "It's propaganda; it's a pamphlet; it is clearly about hate and the misrepresentation of history."

Karen Gordon, a CBC music and arts critic, says the idea that rock music provides a handy and legitimate vehicle for sedition

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Is hate rock breaking the last taboo?

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may itself be outdated.

"Pop music, which was once a music of rebellion, has been co-opted by the marketing people, so I'm not certain that this notion of it being a taboo thing exists any more," Gordon says.

Hate rock isn't art, she says. "It's another marketing device. If you want to sell your beer to 18-to-24-year-old men, you sponsor a rock tour, and this is just another vehicle for selling hate propaganda. This shouldn't be confused with artists doing legitimate protest music, such as rallying cries for the oppressed. This is propaganda, not artistry."

Resistance Records is the brainchild of 23-year-old skinhead George Burdell. Known as Reverend Eric Hawthorne to his followers, Burdell is also head of the Toronto branch of the militant white power group Church of the Creator and lead singer of the "racialist rock" band RaHoWa (an acronym for Racial Holy War).

"Music is the ultimate form of bringing a message to the masses," Burdell says. "Youth seek role models through musicians. They say, 'Wow, I love this band and if this is the opinion of the band, then it is my opinion too.'" The label, North America's first to trade exclusively in hate rock, was started last spring with \$50,000 in seed money and a Detroit box office number. From there, tapes from the label's eight bands are shipped to Canadian destinations.

Bands with names such as Nordic Thunder, Aggravated Assault, Aryan and the Voice have all been signed to Burdell's label. "The market's phenomenal," he says. "We have a monopoly on it and it's virtually untapped."

Burdell says the label's Detroit address allows Resistance Records to dodge Canada's strict laws and take advantage of America's more liberal rights to free speech.

Tapes are also easily shipped over the border and are rarely checked by customs agents, he says. That allows the free flow of material to Canada that, if produced here, would likely be banned under Canadian laws.

In recent years, obscenity laws were used in both the U.S. and Canada to crack down on recordings considered objectionable. Three years ago, an album by Miami rappers 2 Live Crew called *As Nasty as They Wanna Be* was found to be obscene by a U.S. federal court judge.

Though it would be a stretch to label race rock as obscene, minority rights advocates say that Canada's hate laws should be used to crack down on white supremacist bands.

Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress says he resents suggestions that banning albums by hate groups is an attack on free speech. "Canada is not the United States. We happen to have laws dealing with forms of speech and it is a law that has finely balanced our sacred right to free speech with the rights of minorities not to be harmed or vilified."

Gordon agrees. "These groups are selling hatred so it should fall under the laws dealing with hate propaganda; it's not music."

American jazz writer Nat Hentoff says he can see only danger in curbing free speech rights. "There is no legitimate rationale for censorship. Once you start saying what speech is okay and what is not you're setting up a chilling effect."

Hentoff says hatemongers must be countered in open forums rather than driven underground. "I would rather have the kind of society where as awful as wrong, as hateful as that kind of speech is, you rebut it. The Canadian Jewish Congress have access to forums, why come down and prosecute speech when you can rebut it."

Songs with titles such as "Coon Hunt," "Race Riot" and "White Revolution" will certainly never zoom to the top of the mainstream charts. Nevertheless, Farber says, racial rock poses a very real threat.

"It's literally the new wave in hate promotion," he says. "They know that the best way to attract young people today is through music, hard-driving, hard-hitting music. And it's not as if it is being done underground. It is being done in full view of the authorities. It is almost taunting society in many respects."

Farber says police appear reluctant to press charges against racial rock bands — even though a man arrested in the vicious beating of a Tamil dishwasher was seen hours before at a RaHoWa concert in Downsview last month.

"Parents have to be concerned that kids just wanting to attend a rock concert can be easily manipulated by these various groups into a hateful mindset ripe for indoctrination," Farber says. "This is not about equal rights for whites, it is about straight discrimination."

Bill Bobek, publicity manager at Much Music in Toronto, says he believes that artists must be allowed to express their points of view. "For me, it is a free speech issue," he says. "Anyway, who is going to judge what is appropriate? Someone who doesn't know what a 17-year-old is going through because they have forgotten?"

Much Music does have a committee that vets videos and Bobek admits that controversial videos are rarely aired. But he doesn't see this as a form of censorship. Much is merely exercising its right to choose what it will show in the same way that newspapers and magazines select what material will run in their publications.

A show called *Too Much for Much* airs videos considered too hot for regular programming on the music station. But generally, Much refuses to play any videos that don't meet community standards, Bobek says.

"Racist" rock lyrics are replete with what Burdell admits are offensive words and images, guaranteed to attract the young and offend the old: "Some of the music being put out is raw hatred. It is just so offensive, it is just so crude that it can't help but attract attention just by the sheer audacity of having the guts to be so politically incorrect."

Burdell said that no matter what the Canadian authorities decide to do with their music — ban it or ignore it — it will sell. "I invite the system to try to stop it. I invite them to, if they did ban an album, everyone would want to have it, and it would spread like wildfire in the underground."

"Music is fed on controversy. Ignore us and we get huge because we can develop unhindered. Attack us and we get huge because you create controversy and the youth want to hear us. Either way, we win."

He points to sales of an album by U.S. rapper Ice-T that included a song called "Cop Killer." The album shot to the top of the charts when community groups demanded it be banned.

Bobek agrees that young people will seek out music that has been driven underground. But he sees only a very small market for racist music. "I don't think you can legislate this away. The best thing the authorities can do is show young people how wrong this is." Racial rock is big in Europe. Two labels, Rock-O-Rama and Rebelles Europeens, have bands that regularly crack the Top 10 in Germany. RaHoWa, which was signed to Rebelles Europeens, jumped labels in the spring. But Burdell said his band along with several others on Resistance Records will be distributed by the French company in Europe.

Other European skin-head groups such as No Remorse (which played in Ottawa several years ago), Skrewdriver, Brutal Attack and Skullhead, draw crowds in the thousands at their concerts in Britain, Burdell says.

Bound for Glory, a racial rock band from Minnesota, sold more than 20,000 copies of its last album through the mails. "That's pretty big for a band with a European label, for a record that can't be put on record store shelves," he says.

"You have to also remember that there's probably 10 copies dubbed for every copy sold, especially because of its lack of availability. So 20,000 copies is just the tip of an iceberg. It could be more like 200,000."



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DEMONSTRATION — Members of the Toronto Coalition Against Racism demonstrate against the white supremacist Heritage Front during a rally in the University Ave-Dundas St. area yesterday.

— Veronica Henri, Sun

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ANTI-RACIST ACTION

The right to lie

The Supreme Court acquits Ernst Zundel

After nine years, two trials, four appeals and millions of dollars in legal costs, there are still no clear victors in the bitterly contested case of Toronto publisher Ernst Zundel. Ruling on an appeal by Zundel, the Supreme Court of Canada last week struck down his 1988 conviction for knowingly spreading false news about the Holocaust. In a 4-3 decision, the court found that section 181 of the Criminal Code, which

ruling on the case, the content of the communication under consideration—that is, Zundel's Holocaust fraud claims—was not relevant. She said that the Charter's free-speech provision included protection of minority beliefs which the majority (of society) regards as wrong or false. Added McLachlin, "The view of the majority has no need of constitutional protection; it is tolerated in any event."

It remained unclear last week whether the

Christie, the Victoria-based lawyer who argued Zundel's appeal before the Supreme Court, said that further proceedings against Zundel would amount to "an abuse of process."

Zundel had been convicted twice under the false-news law. The first time was in Toronto in 1985, when he was sentenced to 15 months in jail for publishing a pamphlet which claimed that the Holocaust was a myth perpetrated by an international Jewish conspiracy. The Ontario Court of Appeal overturned that conviction, but ordered a new trial on the grounds that the judge had made mistakes. Convicted again in May, 1988, and sentenced to nine months in jail, Zundel went free on \$10,000 bail while appealing his case to the Ontario Court of Appeal.

Last week, Christie said that he hoped to soon be back in Ottawa arguing before the Supreme Court on behalf of another client who claims that the Holocaust did not happen: James Keegstra, a former school teacher and onetime mayor of Eckville, a small farming community in central Alberta. In 1985, Keegstra, who taught students that the Holocaust was a Jewish hoax, was convicted in Red Deer, under the Criminal Code's prohibition of promoting hatred against an identifiable group. The Alberta Court of Appeal overturned the conviction, but it was reinstated by the Supreme Court, which held that the section was a justifiable limitation on Canadians' right to free speech. The Alberta Court of Appeal then ordered a new trial, partly on the ground that pre-trial publicity had prejudiced Keegstra's first trial. In July, the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench again convicted Keegstra of the same offence. Now Christie is waiting to see if the Supreme Court will hear another appeal, on grounds that Christie said may include incorrect directions to the jury by the trial judge, and the constitutionality of section 319.

Ultimately, Ottawa may have to enact new legislation to control the dissemination of some kinds of hate literature. In Toronto, Hampton said that officials of his ministry will meet with their federal counterparts "to discuss drafting a Charter-proof section of the Code" to deal with cases like Zundel's. Added Hampton: "We don't yet know if that is possible." For his part, Alan Borovoy, Toronto-based general counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, said that he agreed with the Supreme Court's decision because the law posed a threat to legitimate forms of free speech. But he said that no one should interpret the court's decision as "vindicating the malevolent obscurities of a creep like Zundel." In the end, the Zundel ruling pointed to lawmakers' unresolved dilemma: how to guarantee freedom of expression while protecting groups of citizens from the slurs of their opponents.

PATRICIA CHISHOLM



Zundel and supporters: charging that accounts of the Holocaust were a Jewish hoax

prohibits the spreading of false news, is unconstitutional because it is an unjustifiable limit on the right to freedom of expression contained in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. A few hours after the ruling, Zundel, 53, was proclaiming that historical accounts of the Holocaust, in which an estimated six million Jews died at the hands of Germany's Second World War Nazi rulers, were a hoax perpetrated by a Jewish conspiracy. In response, the Canadian Jewish Congress called on Ontario Attorney General Howard Hampton to charge Zundel under section 319 of the Code, which prohibits spreading hate against identifiable groups.

Writing the court's majority decision, Madam Justice Beverley McLachlin noted that, in

German-born Zundel, who came to Canada in 1958, would face new charges. The Supreme Court judgment noted that another section of the Criminal Code, prohibiting the promotion of hatred against an identifiable group, could combat hate propaganda more fairly and effectively. In 1983, Holocaust survivor Sabina Citron asked then-Attorney General Roy McMurtry to charge Zundel under the anti-hate section. When he refused, apparently because he was not convinced that his department could win, she laid a private complaint under the false news section. (The anti-hate section does not provide for private charges.) The attorney general then decided to let the prosecution proceed. For his part, Douglas

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Deny, deny, deny

Ernst Zundel is back in action—and on TV

It has the look of a latter-day Bavarian fortress. Wrought-iron grills cover the windows; video monitors peer down from the roof; a heavy metal trap door, painted bright red, leads into the basement. Visitors permitted access to Ernst Zundel's bunker on an otherwise nondescript downtown Toronto street pass first into a waiting area, stacked with posters—"Achtung—the thought police is coming!" Inside the second door sits a row of video terminals monitoring the building. In one room is a stamp machine where Zundel has rung up \$188,000 worth of postal charges sending pamphlets and newsletters around the world. In another room are bookshelves stacked floor to ceiling with files—Zundel's arsenal in his campaign to disprove the Holocaust. And leaning against a wall is a large wooden cross that Zundel once carried on his way to court to face charges of knowingly spreading false news. "That's the best thing I did," says a smiling Zundel. "It's amazing. It made the front pages of seven Canadian newspapers."

A year after the Supreme Court of Canada struck down a section of the Criminal Code that prohibited the publication of false news and so overturned Zundel's conviction, the 54-year-old German-born publisher is back in action—and outraging his critics. He has published a 567-page condensation of evidence presented at his trial, including the pamphlet that provoked the initial charges against him, *Did Six Million Really Die?* And he has started shortwave radio programs broadcast from the United States in English and in German—the latter aimed at Germany, where Zundel has a growing following of right-wing extremists. He also launched a TV show, beamed from the United States to a satellite and disseminated to anyone with a receiving dish across North America. Last week, Showcase America, the Colorado-based network that broadcast his first programs, decided to pull Zundel's show, according to programming director Claire Murray. Zundel said that he has plenty of alternatives—and has already signed a contract with another network starting this week.

Jewish leaders say that Zundel is hurtful and dangerous, and they have asked police to investigate whether he is contravening

Section 319 (2) of the Criminal Code which prohibits the wilful promotion of hatred—the law, they say, under which Zundel should have been charged the first time around. "This stuff is garbage and it's damaging—the victim impact is huge," said Joshua Schwarcz, Ontario director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada. "Zundel is an icon in the neo-Nazi white supremacist



Zundel at home: Jewish leaders want police to investigate

movement in Canada. They regarded the overturning of the false news law as a great victory."

In his first TV show, aired on June 20, Zundel said that he intended to change the image North Americans have of Germany by featuring such Germans as the "heroic" Rudolf Hess—the Hitler deputy and convicted war criminal. And he promised to provide a "revisionist" perspective on the Second World War. In fact, a program that aired July 25 showed Zundel visiting the Auschwitz death camp with a man he identifies as David Cole, "a young Jew from the United States." On the video, Cole claims that buildings at Auschwitz were renovated after liberation to make them look like gas chambers.

Cole also points to a swimming pool that he claims was "clearly an area for the inmates' enjoyment."

Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress, says that Cole's allegations are typical of Holocaust deniers who use a grain of truth (most of the original gas chambers at Auschwitz were obliterated after the war and recreated by Polish authorities) "and build a lie around it." Added Farber: "Holocaust denial is the cutting edge of modern-day anti-Semitism. We believe it falls squarely within the definition of hate propaganda." While not mentioning Zundel specifically, Ontario Deputy Attorney General George Thomson said that if solid evidence is produced, the province will take action against hate crimes. And although Zundel's shows are transmitted

from the United States, Mark Sandler, senior legal counsel to the League for Human Rights, says that they could well be subject to Canadian hate laws. Said Sandler: "There may be a Canadian linkage through the fact that the shows are either produced or filmed here."

In an interview in the basement of his home, Zundel said that some of the TV programs are indeed filmed in Toronto. But he defended his right to broadcast. "I am not hateful," insisted Zundel, surrounded by posters of German soldiers and a framed picture of Adolf Hitler. And although he reiterated his claim—widely and irrefutably debunked—that there were no Nazi gas chambers or death camps, he argued that "Holocaust denial is not anti-Semitism—it's questioning a historical event."

Metro Toronto police would not say last week whether Zundel is under investigation. But Det. Staff Sgt. Robert Matthews, who is in charge of the Ontario Provincial Police's pornography and hate literature section, said that he investigated Holocaust statements that Zundel made on radio last year, but that they were not illegal. "Mr. Zundel is very knowledgeable about what he can say," Matthews said.

Those rules may yet change. Federal and provincial justice officials will deal with hate-crime issues at a meeting in the fall. Paul Saint-Denis, a senior counsel in the federal justice department, said that public concern, and the Supreme Court decision that led to the overturning of Zundel's conviction, may lead to the broadening of the law. Said Saint-Denis: "We want to examine what needs to be done to control these types of people." In the meantime, the Zundel show goes on.

MARY NEMETH and TOM FENNELL
in Toronto

ALL YOU NEED IS HATE

Extremist groups have found a niche on U.S. public-access cable channels, arousing protests and pitting community standards against the First Amendment

By RICHARD ZOGLIN

TO THINK SOME PEOPLE STILL GET EXERCISED over the right-wing talk-show host Rush Limbaugh. They have obviously never run across Dr. Herbert Poinsett. A square-jawed, balding former chiropractor, Poinsett is host of a program based in Tampa, Florida, that is seen across the U.S. With Nazi and Confederate flags as backdrop, he rails against everything from the Jewish-controlled media to "black bucks" taking over America's cities. A typical Poinsett point: serial killers are mostly white because "blacks don't have the brains to be serial killers."

Nor are fans of TV hosts Oprah and Geraldo likely to be prepared for Ta-Har, a self-described high priest of the Black Israelites. He too has a talk show, *It's Time to Wake Up*, which airs every other Friday night in New York's Westchester County. But his tactics are, shall we say, more direct. On one show he wielded a baseball bat and delivered a prophecy: "We're going to be beating the hell out of you white people... We're going to take your little children and dash them against the stones."

Poinsett and Ta-Har represent the lunatic fringe of the American talk-show spectrum. But they are far from lonely voices. White supremacists, neo-Nazis and other extremists have found a comfortable, if not quite welcoming, home on cable's public-access channels in the U.S. In 1991 the Anti-Defamation League counted 57 different "hate shows" across the country. The audience for these crudely produced and crudely reasoned programs is relatively tiny. But the virulence of their message has roused protests from New York City to Pocatello, Idaho, and launched a classic battle between community standards and the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment rights.

A rundown of the hottest shows on the hate-TV circuit:

► *Race and Reason*, anchored by Tom Metzger, head of the White Aryan Resistance, is the godfather of these programs. Produced in Southern California, the nine-year-old show is seen in 49 markets, according to Metzger. The no-frills talk for-

mat provides a forum for Metzger's white-supremacist views, as well as those of guests like Marty Cox of the skinhead band Extreme Hatred, who snarled in one recently taped show, "We're not gonna walk around the streets and let some nigger come and beat us up."

► Poinsett's show, inspired by Metzger's

sett was appalled. "I am a political dissident," he says. "The First Amendment was meant for people like me."

► *Airlink*, which emanates from Mississippi, propagates its "pro-majority" views in somewhat more sedate fashion. "We don't use four-letter words, and there's no hollering or yelling," says Richard Barrett, 49,

a New York-born lawyer who heads the right-wing Nationalist Movement and is *Airlink's* producer and host. There are, however, plenty of approving words for neo-Nazi groups and whites who arm themselves against violent minorities. Barrett, who says his show airs in 60 markets, is the most litigious of the hate-TV crowd. He has sued the city of Houston over a \$100 fee it charges to non-locally produced access programs, and is waging a legal battle in Boston over a string of roadblocks he claims the cable company has put in his path.

These hate shows are generally protected by the First Amendment. In addition, the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 requires that public-access channels be uncensored (except for obscenity) and available to all. Even Ta-Har's antiwhite tirades were not, in the view of lawyers for TCI Cable of Westchester, inflammatory enough to outweigh his right to free speech. Some municipalities have fought back by banning non-locally produced shows on public-access channels or requiring that such shows have a local sponsor.

In the end, however, most cable and city officials simply grit their teeth and tolerate these programs—and often encourage opposing groups to produce their own shows in response. In a perverse way, hate programs can even draw a community together. "Shows like these can

trigger animosities, but they certainly do not cause them," says Robert Purvis, administrative director of the National Institute Against Prejudice and Violence. "Public access is potentially far more valuable in improving intergroup relations than it is in harming them." —Reported by Paul Krueger/San Diego, Scott Norvell/Atlanta and David E. Thigpen/New York



Thunder on the right: Poinsett spouts neo-Nazi doctrine; Metzger, right, interviews racist rocker Marty Cox



and also called *Race and Reason*, is even more extreme. An unabashed neo-Nazi, Poinsett asserts that "America is becoming darker and dumber every day" and considers Rudolf Hess and Adolf Hitler "the greatest white men who ever lived." When his show began running in New York City in January, viewer protests forced the program's local sponsor to withdraw it. Poin-

Heritage Front leader charged in bail breach

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By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

The leader of the white supremacist Heritage Front will remain in custody until Monday after he was charged Thursday night with breaching the terms of his bail.

Wolfgang Droege, 44, was charged after a bloody June 12 brawl on College St. between white supremacists and members of Anti-Racist Action.

Five were arrested after the melee, which involved members of the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator.

The College St. fight came just hours after a half dozen anti-racists in a crowd of 200 trashed the rented east-end home of Gary Schipper, who operates the Heritage Front telephone hotline.

Droege was released June 19 on \$15,000 bail on charges of aggravated assault and possession of a dangerous weapon.

Droege had been ordered by Justice of the Peace Brian Hudson to refrain from associating with any members of the Heritage Front, the Church of the Creator or the London, Ont.-based Mountain Church led by neo-Nazi Alan Weiche.

He was also ordered to not take part in any activities planned by the group.

In early August, the Canadian Jewish Congress filed a formal complaint with Metro police after Droege was interviewed by telephone by CBC Radio and the newspaper La Presse in Montreal.

Droege could be forced to revoke his bail and stay in custody until his December trial should he be found in breach of bail terms.



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ANTI-RACIST ACTION



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OFF!**

red, black, yellow, brown
I love all my friends!

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**This man is
Europe's
leading Nazi. He is
coming to Canada.**

Jean-
Marie
Le Pen

**HE MUST BE
STOPPED**

Montreal anti-racists have put out an urgent call for a week of action against the growth of fascism in response to the planned visit to Montreal of leaders of France's Nazi party, the National Front, including the possible appearance of its leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen. Le Pen is a fascist. He calls the holocaust, where six million Jews were murdered, a "detail of history." Since his party has gained mass support in France, the level of beatings and killings of people of colour has increased dramatically. We urge all to take buses to Montreal and to ...

DEMONSTRATE

September 22 6 pm

**Parc Berri, Berri-UQAM Metro (corner of
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The demonstration is being organized by the Coalition Contre la Présence du Front National et la Montée de l'Extrême Droite. Some of the organizations that have endorsed the demonstration are:

• L'ANEEQ •
Bangladeshi Student Association of Concordia • Le Bloc Internationaliste Anti-impérialiste (B.A.) •
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Le Centre Canadien sur le Racisme et les Préjugés (Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice) • Le Centre Communautaire des Femmes Sud-Asiatiques • Le Centre d'Etudes Arabes pour le Développement (CEAD) • La Collective de la Revue Mobilisation • Le Comité Contre Le Racisme d'Hochelaga-Maisonneuve • Le Comité des Sans-Emplois de Montréal-Centre • Dawson Anti-Racism Committee • Le groupe Un Québec Pour Tout le Monde • Le groupe Action Socialiste • International Socialists • La Librairie Alternative • Le Réseau d'Aide aux personnes seules itinérantes de Montréal • La Table de Concertation de Montréal pour les Réfugié(e)s

non au Front national

non à l'intolérance!

Rassemblement au parc Berri, le mercredi 22 septembre, à 18h

Le 14 août dernier, à Montréal, une manifestation antiraciste a regroupé plus de 800 personnes venues protester contre la tenue d'une assemblée de Heritage Front, un groupe néo-nazi déjà implanté dans le reste du pays. Cette mobilisation d'envergure, organisée en moins d'une semaine, a livré un message très clair à l'extrême droite: pas de racisme, d'antisémitisme, de sexisme ou d'homophobie.

Dans le même esprit, une quarantaine d'organismes ont formé la **Coalition contre la présence du Front national et la montée de l'extrême droite** pour organiser entre autres une manifestation le 22 septembre prochain. Il s'agit de se mobiliser pour empêcher la tenue d'un rassemblement raciste sous l'égide du Front national français (FN).

Les idées racistes influencent les politiques de nos gouvernements

Dans l'actuel contexte de crise économique, l'intolérance et les idées racistes prônées par l'extrême droite peuvent parfois trouver un certain écho jusque chez "nos" gouvernements. Le fédéral semble rejeter sur les immigrant-e-s la responsabilité du chômage et adopte des politiques racistes ou -à tout le moins- franchement xénophobes. Le dossier de l'immigration relève depuis peu du ministère de la Sécurité publique (comme si les réfugié-e-s et les immigrant-e-s étaient des personnes suspectes ou même criminelles!). Par ailleurs, on ferme de plus en plus les frontières aux réfugié-e-s. La menace de déportation de Mme Clara Palacios, une Salvadorienne atteinte du sida, n'est qu'un exemple parmi tant d'autres de l'odieux de ces politiques.

De même, de l'autre côté de l'Atlantique, les propos de Jean-Marie LePen, à l'effet d'interner les immigrant-e-s jusqu'à ce qu'il y ait assez de bateaux pour les ramener dans leur pays d'origine, ont donné un espace politique au gouvernement français pour qu'il restreigne encore plus ses lois sur l'immigration.

L'intolérance du FN passe aussi par le sexisme, l'homophobie et même la "sidaphobie". Dans ce dernier cas, LePen et ses troupes prônent ni plus ni moins la formation de camps ("sidatorium") à l'écart de la population, pour les personnes atteintes du sida.

Nous ne voulons pas du Front national ici!

Le Front national français entend tenir, le 22 septembre prochain, une réunion qui vise à unifier politiquement les forces d'extrême droite au Québec et à propager son point de vue. Le FN compte ainsi profiter de la venue au Québec de certains de ses

membres. Jean-Yves Le Gallou, le maître à penser de la plate-forme anti-immigration du FN, sera en effet délégué d'Île-de-France (Paris) au Congrès Métropolis 93 (un rassemblement des maires des grandes métropoles du monde qui se tient à Montréal du 21 au 24 septembre au Palais des congrès).

Les membres de la branche québécoise du FN sont déjà actifs dans des associations comme le Cercle national des Français résidant à l'étranger, le cercle Jeune Nation (un groupe d'intellectuel-le-s nationaliste d'extrême droite), le Mouvement pour une immigration restreinte et francophone, et même au sein du tristement célèbre Ku Klux Klan.

Nous ne pouvons laisser le FN tenir sa réunion le 22 septembre. Il faut rejeter cette idéologie qui a conduit à l'holocauste et à la période la plus sombre de l'histoire de l'humanité. Déjà, en Grèce, en Écosse, en Irlande et en Grande-Bretagne, des manifestations antiracistes ont empêché LePen de rencontrer ses supporters. Il a dû retourner en France sans même avoir pu fouler le sol de ces pays.

À Montréal, c'est ce même genre d'accueil que la population doit réserver aux éclaireurs de Jean Marie LePen: nous ne voulons pas de vous ici. Du 21 au 24 septembre, et plus particulièrement le mercredi 22, exerçons la véritable démocratie: manifestons publiquement et massivement contre les idées racistes, antisémites, sexistes et homophobes.

Mardi 21 septembre 1993

Rassemblement à 17h, terrasse de la Place des Arts, métro Place des Arts. Objectif: se diriger vers le Palais des congrès pour, à l'ouverture du Congrès Métropolis, "accueillir" (ligne de piquetage) les trois délégués du Front national français.

Mercredi 22 septembre 1993

Rassemblement à 18h, parc Berri, métro Berri. Objectif: manifester jusqu'au lieu de l'assemblée du FN (lieu à déterminer).

Festival des harmonies (musique)

Samedi 18 septembre 1993: Celtique McAuslant 93

Samedi 25 septembre 1993: Indigène 93

Heure: 20h

Lieu: Spectrum de Montréal

SLOGANS

MANIFESTATION FRONT NATIONAL (FN): DEHORS!

Dehors le Galloui
On veut pas de toi chez nous!

Nazillons de Jean-Marie"
On veut pas de vous ici!

Doré tolère les fascistes,
Mais ne veut pas de not' manif!

What do we want?
FN OUT!
When do we want it?
RIGHT NOW!

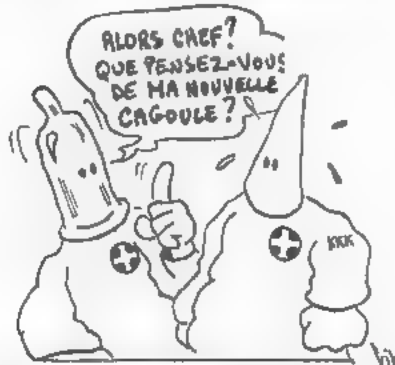
La police est pas d'accord,
Mais nous on dit FN dehors!

Front national: DEHORS!!
Front national: OUT!!

La police, complice des fascistes!
La police, complice des racistes!

Racist, sexist, homophobic shit,
We'll no longer tolerate it!

La police protège les nazis,
Nous on dit non à Jean-Marie!



LE PEN = NÉO-NAZI!



L'extrême droite veut s'élargir,
C'est à nous de la détruire!

Contre le racisme:
ÉGALITÉ!

Contre le fascisme:
ÉGALITÉ!

Contre le sexisme:
ÉGALITÉ!

Contre l'homophobie:
ÉGALITÉ!

Non au racisme,
Oui aux réfugiés-és!

Aucune plate-forme pour les fascistes!

Écrasons le Front national!

Le 22 septembre à Montréal, le Front national (FN) raciste et xénophobe de Jean-Marie Le Pen prévoit faire sa première apparence publique en Amérique du nord. Jean-Yves Le Gallou, un cadre dirigeant du Front national, décrit par le *Gazette de Montréal* comme étant "la main droite" de Le Pen, est annoncé en tant qu'orateur invité. Les travailleurs et travailleuses et tous ceux menacés par la terreur fasciste (les femmes, les juifs, les asiatiques, les noirs, les gais et les lesbiennes, les immigrés, les amérindiens et la gauche) doivent répondre à cette provocation par une contre-mobilisation massive et militante. Le meilleur temps d'affronter les fascistes est maintenant, avant qu'ils peuvent croître.

La réunion du FN est organisée par Roger Alacoque, le dirigeant du "Cercle national des Français résidant à l'étranger," un groupe local de partisans de Le Pen. Alacoque se dit copain de Michel Larocque, le dirigeant québécois du Ku Klux Klan, dont les attaques violentes de ce dernier contre la jeunesse immigrée, les gais et la gauche sont notoires. Alacoque décrit Larocque comme un "bon garçon" et un "allié occasionnel," mais, comme Le Pen, il aspire d'aller au-delà des limites de l'activité politique "lumpen" et d'introduire sa plateforme d'extrême droite au sein du discours politique bourgeois "respectable."

Alacoque est membre depuis 1984 du Parti Libéral du Québec gouvernant. Se servant de la plate-forme de l'association libérale du comté d'Orford, il décrit le Québec comme étant la "poubelle du Tiers Monde," et fait appel pour des contrôles plus serrés sur l'immigration non-blanche. Le député Libéral local d'Alacoque, Robert Benoît, défend ouvertement ses partisans fascistes sous le prétexte que, "Le Parti Libéral a toujours été un vaste regroupement de points de vue différents" (*Gazette*, le 26 août 1993)

Les autorités de la Communauté Urbaine de Montréal (CUM), prennent une attitude bénigne semblable envers les fascistes, et ils ont ordonné les flics de protéger la réunion du 22 septembre. Entre-temps, les militants antiracistes, organisés dans la "Coalition contre la présence du Front national et la montée de l'extrême droite" ont, d'après les rapports des journaux, lancé des appels à Michel Hamelin, le président de la CUM, d'interdire la tenue de la réunion de Le Gallou. Bien que l'appel aux autorités d'interdire l'assemblée du FN n'a pas été proprement dit soutenu par les groupes de gauche au sein de la coalition, aucun, à notre connaissance, l'a ouvertement désavoué.

Faire appel aux autorités municipales d'interdire les fascistes peut paraître une tactique intelligente à quelques uns, mais compter sur l'État bourgeois démocratique crée des illusions dangereuses. L'État n'est pas neutre—il est l'outil des nos souverains capi-

talistes. Les interdictions politiques sont inévitablement utilisées bien plus agressivement contre les anti-fascistes et la gauche que contre la droite. Les droits et les libertés démocratiques sont chose merveilleuse, mais la fonction de l'État, et de ses voyous armés, est essentiellement de sauvegarder la propriété privée.

Le fascisme: l'avant-garde de la réaction impérialiste

La victoire de la contre-révolution capitaliste dans l'ancien bloc soviétique n'a produit ni les libertés démocratiques ni les avantages économiques que les propagandistes capitalistes avaient promis. Au contraire, les niveaux de vie ont chuté et il y a eu une explosion d'ethnocide, de xénophobie et de tout genre de réaction sociale. Enhardie par le triomphe de l'impérialisme, l'extrême droite monte partout en Europe. Dans un pays après l'autre, les terroristes fascistes lancent des attaques meurtrières contre les travailleurs et les travailleuses immigrés, les minorités ethniques, les gais et la gauche, tandis que les autorités étatiques et policières observent tout ceci tranquillement et complaisamment.

Lorsque l'Union soviétique existait, les capitalistes avaient trouvé avantageux d'offrir un "filet" de sécurité sociale à quelques uns des victimes de leur économie commandée par le soif de profit. Aujourd'hui, avec la "menace communiste" vaincue et la classe ouvrière qui batte une retraite, ces programmes sont systématiquement démantelés tandis que les rangs des sans-abri et des chômeurs gonflent. Le patronat attaque agressivement les salaires et les conditions de travail des ouvriers, tandis que les luttes ouvrières, de minorités ethniques et/ou raciales, d'immigrés et de chômeurs rencontrent de plus en plus de répression.

Dans cet nouvel ordre mondial, où l'idée même du socialisme a été prononcé mort et toute aspiration pour un ordre social international humain et égalitaire est censée être enterrée, la réaction et l'oppression règnent suprême. Les ouvriers, forcés de quitter leurs pays à la recherche d'une meilleure vie, sont criminalisés et sont poursuivis sans pitié par l'appareil répressif de l'État. Les immigrés sont devenus les boucs émissaires pour l'irrationalité du cycle d'affaire capitaliste. Les ouvriers, conscients de leurs intérêts de classe au Québec et ailleurs dans le monde "développé", doivent s'opposer fermement à l'hystérie xénophobe de leurs bourgeoisies et lutter pour les droits de citoyenneté pleins et égaux pour tous les immigrés.

Les groupes racistes et fascistes tels que le Heritage Front, White Power (pouvoir blanc), le Ku Klux Klan et le Front national de Le Pen cherchent à servir comme le "fer de lance" de l'offensive bourgeoise, soit comme

surveillants et service d'ordre volontaire ou comme auxiliaires aux corps armés de l'État bourgeois. Leurs attaques contre les homosexuels, les minorités raciales et ethniques, les immigrés, les réfugiés et les autres victimes de l'oppression capitaliste visent à galvaniser et à faire dévier la colère des couches arriérées de la classe ouvrière, des lumpens et de petits entrepreneurs ruinés, qui eux-mêmes ont été écrasés sous les roues de "la libre entreprise."

Les bureaucrates syndicaux aveugles au danger fasciste

Au lieu de s'organiser afin de balayer les fascistes des rues de Montréal, les nationalistes qui dirigent le puissant mouvement syndical au Québec ont aidé à créer un climat politique dans lequel les groupes fascistes peuvent croître. Les faux dirigeants syndicaux sont tout à fait disposés à s'unir avec les xénophobes et les démagogues d'un "Québec français" à la défense de la langue française supposément "menacé" par les immigrés. Les partisans de Le Pen cherchent consciemment à recruter les ultra-nationalistes francophones dans le but de créer une bande de voyous et un cadre de briseurs de grève aguerris qui sera lâché finalement contre le mouvement ouvrier organisé.

L'élite culturelle du Québec des années 1930 et 1940 débordait d'antisémites et de sympathisants fascistes. Des organisations telles que Jeune Canada et Action National avaient une audience large, et le Théâtre Monument National sur le boulevard St. Laurent—possédé autrefois par la Société St. Jean Baptiste réactionnaire—était l'arène pour les rodomontades racistes et délirantes de Lionel Groulx et du dirigeant fasciste québécois, Adrien Arcand. Les démagogues racistes tels que Groulx sont encore révéérés et honorés par l'élite politique québécoise actuelle, les enfants sont

toujours obligés de prononcer son nom avec respect, et les autorités municipales de Montréal ont même donné son nom à une station de métro. La gauche indépendantiste, telle que Gauche Socialiste, préfère minimiser la signification politique actuelle de ces vieux porte-paroles du nationalisme québécois, mais le fait demeure que la bureaucratie syndicale se trouve dans un bloc politique avec les héritiers politiques de Groulx, et non avec Gauche Socialiste.

Actions unitaires ouvrières et immigrées pour écraser le fascisme!

Les partisans fascistes de Le Pen dans le *Cercle national* ne sont pas un groupe de théoriciens sociaux à tendance légèrement oblique, excentrique ou arriérée. Le leur n'est pas un groupe de discussion littéraire. Ils cherchent à recruter une avant-garde de la réaction à travers des attaques terroristes contre les secteurs les plus vulnérables et isolés des opprimés. Ils veulent construire un mouvement engagé à organiser des attaques contre le mouvement ouvrier et les opprimés sur une échelle beaucoup plus grande à l'avenir.

La réunion du FN du 22 septembre est une tentative par les fascistes de tester les eaux politiques à Montréal. S'ils réussissent, leur activité augmentera, les éléments vacillants vont s'encourager et vont joindre leurs rangs, et il sera plus difficile de les arrêter la prochaine fois. Écraser les fascistes avant qu'ils peuvent croître est une question d'autodéfense élémentaire. Cette tâche ne peut pas être laissée à l'État bourgeois démocratique, dont ses représentants ont été historiquement beaucoup plus complaisants envers les fascistes que envers leurs adversaires. L'unité dans l'action par la gauche, par les organisations des opprimés et des syndicats militants peut infliger une défaite écrasante au mouvement fasciste naissant au Québec.

Aucune plate-forme pour les fascistes!

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Septembre 1993
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The fascists can be beaten

THE importance of the mobilization against the attempt by the National Front (NF) to spread its fascist message to Quebec cannot be overstated.

The National Front is the first fascist organization to gain a mass following in the Western world since Hitler's Nazis in the 1930s and 1940s.

We know what Hitler's movement led to:

- the Holocaust where six million Jews and hundreds of thousands of gypsies, lesbians and gay men, people with disabilities, socialists and trade unionists were slaughtered

- the destruction of independent workers' organizations

- the elimination of free speech

All of these Jean Marie Le Pen and the National Front threaten to bring back.

They are not yet in a position to gain power. But with 100,000 members and 15 percent following in the polls in France, they represent a very real threat even out of office.

Between 1983, when the NF started to grow and 1988, there were more than 150 murders in France officially listed as "racially motivated." It is certain that the real number is higher.

Le Pen wants to spread his movement abroad. He has been repulsed in Scotland, Ireland, England and Greece. In each country, socialists and anti-fascists mobilized large demonstrations which prevented Le Pen from spreading his racist filth. We can turn him back here.

And it is vitally important that he be turned back. The fascists in Quebec and English Canada remain a small minority. But even though tiny, in both Montreal and Toronto the number of beatings and murders of people of colour and of lesbians and gay men has been on the rise. In both cities, many of these attacks have been attributed to the far right.

For these reasons, the International Socialists have thrown all our resources into building the Montreal demonstration. Our branch in the city has been involved in the coalition from the outset. Branches in Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston Ontario have booked buses for the demonstration to bring people in from Ontario for the day. And our sister organization in the United States has sent people from branches on the eastern seaboard to demonstrate their solidarity with anti-racists in Montreal.

We do this because we are anti-fascist.

But we also do it because we believe that the ground for the growth of the far right is being sown by the traditional parties of English Canada and Quebec.

The Tories in Ottawa have tried to blame

Next meeting of the Montreal I.S.

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immigrants for unemployment, tightening immigration requirements, combining immigration with public security matters to paint immigrants as criminals — all of which plays into a racist climate in which the far right can grow.

But tragically, the party of the workers' movement, the New Democratic Party, has been no different. If the Tories have laid out a "blue carpet" on which the fascists can walk, the NDP has laid down a "red carpet." In office

in Ontario, the NDP has announced plans to eliminate medical insurance for refugees, students on foreign visas and domestic workers — just like the Tories, blaming immigrants for the current financial problems. And increasingly, the NDP has tried to blame "special treatment for Quebec" as the cause of its economic difficulties. In English Canada, the growth of the far right has always been linked to a climate of intolerance towards Quebec.

Needed: a fighting socialist alternative

IT IS desperately urgent to build a real socialist alternative to challenge this scapegoating of the oppressed for problems that are rooted in the capitalist economic system.

The International Socialists stand for

- Building broad-based mass mobilizations to confront and stop the fascists wherever they try to organize.

- Challenging racism and racist attacks in all their forms, whether they come from the far right or "left" parties like the NDP.

- Support for the right to self-determination for Quebec and the First Nations in Canada. Challenging anti-Quebec and anti-Native chau-

vinism wherever it arises.

- A united struggle of English Canadian, Québécois, Native, Black, white and all workers of colour against our common enemy, the Canadian state and the capitalist system it defends.

- Real socialism — the control of the wealth of society by working people themselves through democratic workers' councils.

The International Socialists have made a modest beginning in pulling together small groups of workers, students and the unemployed with a goal of building a movement based on these principles. If you agree with this leaflet, you should ...

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On peut vaincre les fascistes!

Tout doit être fait pour empêcher le Front national de répandre son venin au Québec!

Le Front national est le premier groupe fasciste de l'Occident à gagner de nombreux partisans depuis l'huilérisme des années trente et quarante. En uniforme brun ou en complet-cravate, bras tendu ou bulletin de vote en main, les fascistes représentent une menace grandissante.

Nous ne connaissons que trop bien le bilan du régime hitlérien

- le génocide de six millions de Juifs et l'extermination de centaines de milliers d'homosexuels, de gitans, de socialistes et de syndicalistes,

- la destruction des syndicats indépendants,
- la suppression de la liberté de parole.

Le Front national est certes encore loin du pouvoir, mais la menace qu'il représente n'est pas moindre pour autant. Il se targue de compter plus de 100 000 membres; il a gagné 15 p. 100 des voix aux dernières élections françaises.

Entre 1983 (les débuts du Front national) et 1988, les forces de l'ordre françaises ont attribué plus de 150 meurtres à des « motifs raciaux ». Le nombre réel est certainement plus élevé.

Le Pen veut propager son fléu raciste hors des frontières françaises. Des milliers d'opposants lui ont empêché de mettre les pieds en Écosse, en Irlande, en Angleterre et en Grèce. Nous aussi, nous pouvons le chasser!

Les fascistes demeurent marginaux au Québec et au Canada anglais, mais ils étendent néanmoins leur influence. À Montréal et à Toronto, les attentats, souvent meurtriers, contre les minorités raciales, les lesbiennes et les homosexuels se multiplient.

Conscients de la menace que représente Le Pen, les membres de Socialisme international ont mis toutes leurs ressources à bâtir la manifestation du 22 septembre, à Montréal. Notre groupe de Montréal s'est joint à la coalition depuis la première manif antiraciste. Nos groupes de Toronto, d'Ottawa et de Kingston, en Ontario, ont affrété des autobus pour cette occasion. Notre organisation sœur des États-Unis a fait venir plusieurs de ses membres de Nouvelle-Angleterre. Canadiens anglais ou Américains, les socialistes internationaux manifestent aujourd'hui leur solidarité avec les militants antiracistes de Montréal.

Pourquoi avons-nous monté une telle campagne? Nous l'avons fait certes parce que nous sommes résolument opposés au fascisme.



Mais nous l'avons fait aussi parce que les partis politiques traditionnels du Canada anglais et du Québec pavent eux-mêmes la voie à l'extrême droite.

Les Conservateurs fédéraux ont attribué à maintes reprises la crise du chômage à une immigration « trop laxiste ». Non content d'avoir restreint l'immigration, le gouvernement fédéral a incorporé la Direction de l'immigration au Service de la sûreté publique. N'est-ce pas là dépendre les immigrés comme s'ils étaient des criminels? Ces mesures attisent le racisme et favorisent la montée de l'extrême droite.

Hélas, le Nouveau Parti Démocratique, qui se veut le porte-parole des travailleurs et des travailleuses, n'est guère différent. Si les Conservateurs ont déroulé un « tapis bleu » devant les fascistes, le NPD, lui, a déroulé un « tapis rouge ». Au pouvoir en Ontario, le NPD

projette de supprimer l'assurance-santé pour les personnes réfugiées, les étudiant(e)s étrangers(ères) et les travailleurs(euses) domestiques. À l'instar des Conservateurs, les dirigeants néo-démocrates mettent la crise fiscale sur les dos des immigrés.

Le NPD de l'Ontario a même attribué son impasse économique au « traitement de faveur » dont jouirait, paraît-il, le Québec. Au Canada anglais, l'extrême droite a toujours misé sur l'intolérance envers le Québec pour répandre son influence.

Bouchard et Parizeau opposent à cela une bien piètre riposte. Leur nationalisme est un mirage, puisqu'il ne conteste d'aucune façon le pouvoir du patronat, un patronat qui de tout temps s'est illustré par ses attaques féroces contre les travailleuses et les travailleurs du Québec.

L'avenir appartient au socialisme

Accusons la classe dirigeante, pas les immigrés! Il est plus urgent que jamais de contrer toute tentative par les dirigeants politiques de rejeter la responsabilité de leur incurie et des maux du capitalisme sur les personnes opprimées.

Socialisme international pose en principe qu'il faut :

- bâtir un mouvement de masse pour stopper les fascistes partout où ils tentent de s'implanter;
- lutter contre le racisme sous toutes ses formes, qu'il soit propagé par l'extrême droite ou par des partis comme le NPD, qui se disent « socialistes »;
- défendre les droits nationaux du Québec et des premières nations du Canada, et contre, où qu'ils surgissent, les sentiments chauvins contre les peuples québécois et autochtones,
- forger l'unité des Canadiens anglais, des Québécois, des Amérindiens et des travailleurs de toute race, hommes et femmes et de toute orientation sexuelle contre notre ennemi commun, l'état canadien et le système capitaliste qu'il soutient;
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Anti-racism marchers oppose the presence of Front National politicians from France at metropolis conference.

All eyes are on anti-immigrant politician as metropolis conference gets under way

JAMES M. LANE
and ALEXANDER KORDIN
THE GAZETTE

The fourth international convention of the Association Mondiale des Grandes Métropoles got under way yesterday with speeches, a parade of children calling for a greener planet and more than 750 delegates from 126 cities preparing to tackle problems ranging from community policing to job creation to land use.

But last night, every camera lens, notepad and microphone was pointed in the direction of Jean-Yves Le Gallou, a municipal politician from the region of Paris who belongs to a political party that believes immigrants should go back where they came from.

Outside, about 200 anti-racist activists picketed the Palais des Congrès to protest against the presence there of Le Gallou and two other politicians from the right-wing Front National Party in France.

Chanting slogans and waving placards, the generally cheerful crowd denounced the presence at an international urban-issues conference of Le Gallou, Pascal Delmas and Jacques Doré, all of whom hold municipal office in France.

"This is all a bit of a surprise," said Le Gallou, a member of Paris's municipal regional council and right-hand man to Jean-Marie Le Pen, head of the Front National.

"I attended the two earlier conventions in Mexico and in Melbourne and it didn't excite as much comment . . . if we're here it's because French voters wanted it and the only law we recognize is the law of democracy.

"And that's why I'm a little surprised by the protests that have occurred because democracy is com-



Jean-Yves Le Gallou "This is all a bit of a surprise"

prised of two things - universal suffrage and freedom of expression, and freedom of expression is not necessarily only those things we agree with."

The protests referred to by Le Gallou included the demonstration outside the hall, a decision by the city of Montreal to bar him from a posh reception today and - perhaps - a comment made during an opening ceremony speech delivered by Montreal executive-committee chairman Léa Cousineau.

Referring to this city's French and British heritage, Cousineau told her audience that "by its very foundation, Montreal is, essentially, a city of immigration.

"Cosmopolitanism has made Montreal Canada's most dynamic cultural centre."

Martin Thénault of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice, which helped organize the demonstration outside the convention centre, boasted that it had drawn endorsements from 76 organizations. He promised last night's event would be only a prelude to a much larger one tonight.

"We never expected 76 groups to come forward with their support," Thénault said as protesters chanted around him. "I think this is a clear demonstration that the issue of racism is very close to the hearts of Montrealers."

However, several experienced anti-racism leaders were sharply critical of the protest leaders' tactics, warning that making an issue out of the extreme rightists could end up giving them the attention they crave - and perhaps inadvertently attract some local supporters to their racist cause.

The warning came in a statement issued this week by Jack Jedwab of the Canadian Jewish Congress, Dan Philip of the Black Coalition of Quebec and Fatima Houda-Pepin of the Centre Maghrébin de Recherche et d'Information.

In an interview, Jedwab said he doesn't believe the Front's ideology can be easily imported from France to Quebec. "France is not Quebec, and the context of the debate over immigration is different here," he said. "A majority of Quebecers, according to all surveys, are open to immigration."

The Front, Jedwab added, "are not players in the debate over immigration here. They have very little if any influence here . . . and we have to guard against drawing these individuals into a debate about immigration in Canada in which they are not players."

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Trouble in purgatory



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Quebec Ku Klux Klan leader Michel Larocque harangues Front National's Jean-Yves Le Gallou yesterday.

Media outnumber racists as Front rally degenerates into a noisy family quarrel

ALEXANDER BURNS
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Clad in brown shirts adorned with swastikas, white-power skin-heads joined Ku Klux Klansmen and backers of Ontario's racist Heritage Front yesterday in a show of support for the extreme-right political agenda of France's anti-immigrant Front National Party.

The setting was a drab meeting hall in east-end Montreal where a news conference had been called by three key Front National members who hold elective office in France. The trio are visiting Montreal for an international urban-issues conference this week.

Despite the numerous expressions of outrage that had preceded the news conference, police and journalists outnumbered the combined contingents of extreme-rightists — Canadian and French alike — and the 21 anti-racist picketers who were marching outside the hall.

And by the end of the boisterous event, the Canadian racists and their slicker French counterparts appeared to be at odds with one another — despite the initial appearance of unity.

Throughout the news conference, Jean-Yves Le Gallou, right-

hand man to Front National leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, had refused — despite persistent questioning by reporters — to dissociate himself clearly from the neo-Nazis and KKK members.

But apparently embarrassed that his party's representatives, who have achieved something resembling mainstream credibility in France, had attracted members of widely despised fringe groups to their only public event in Montreal, Le Gallou's colleague Jacques Doré finally relented and uttered a clear renunciation of the local racist groups.

"They're not our cup of tea," he told reporters, saying he dissociated his group from the Klan and similar organizations.

That was enough to infuriate Michel Larocque, the self-described Imperial Wizard of the KKK's Quebec wing, who hurled insults at his French counterparts as they tried to leave the hall quietly.

"Bourgeois sellouts!" he shouted as the three Frenchmen boarded a car.

"You have the same opinions as us. You're just hiding them," yelled Manon Robert, Larocque's wife and fellow Klan activist.

"When it was starting up in France," Larocque later said, "the

Front National had to rely on strong-arm types like us to do their work for them.

"Now that they've gotten a bit bigger, they're trying to dissociate themselves from people like us."

Later he told a half dozen Klan supporters: "I don't have to hide who I am. I don't understand why he (Le Gallou) is trying to hide who he is."

Larocque said he was angry because he and his fellow racists had been called on by Roger Alacouque, the Front's representative in Quebec, to provide security at the news conference — only to be denounced by other Front members.

Alacouque dodged reporters' questions about whether he had issued the invitation, saying only that he had asked certain individuals, whom he did not name, to be present.

At the news conference, Le Gallou insisted his group is not racist, but went on to decry "cosmopolitanism" — a term anti-racists view as a code word for racial mixing — and waxed indignant about the danger represented by immigration from the Third World.

The Front leaders also handed out pamphlets, in French and English, extolling the virtues of their far-right party, which is the most powerful of its kind in Europe.

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Manifestation contre le Front National français

Plus de 500 personnes mobilisées par la Coalition contre la présence de membres du Front National, ce parti d'extrême droite français, ont défilé sur la rue Jean-Talon, depuis la station de métro du même nom, bien décidés à aller déloger des dirigeants français du FN, qui devaient tenir une assemblée au Buffet Louis Quinze, à l'intersection de la 19^e Avenue, dans le quartier Saint-Michel.

Michel Benoit

Selon Martin Thériault, du Centre canadien sur le racisme et les préjugés, qui battait la marche, au pas militaire, à destination du Louis Quinze, «les

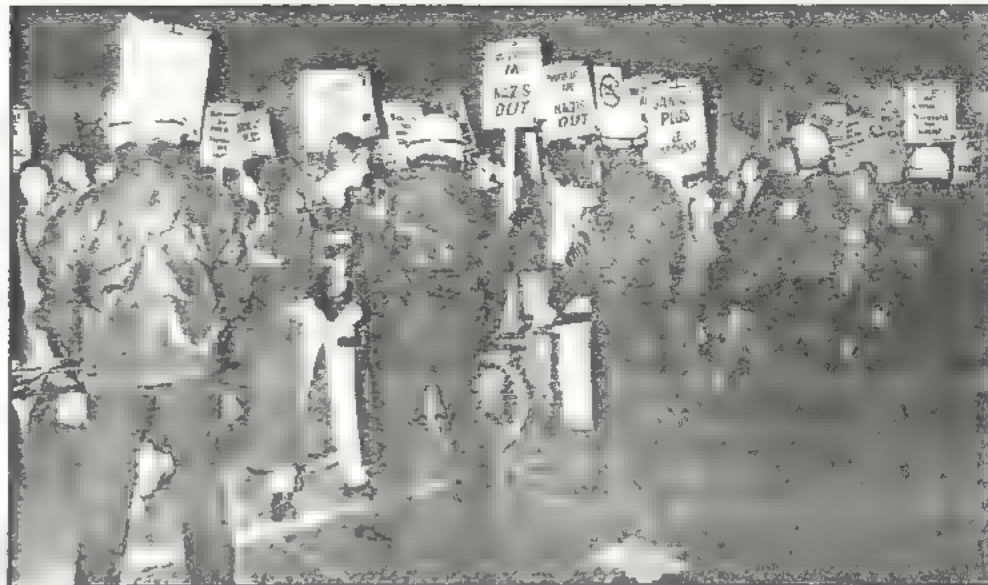


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masques sont enfin tombés». Le Gallou et compagnie ayant montré leur vrai visage, tout comme Roger Alscoque et son Cercle des Français à l'étranger.

En effet, alors que les Jean-Yves Gallou, Pascal Dalmas et Jacques Doré, dépêchés par le chef du parti tant décrié pour ses associations présumées aux mouvements nazis et néo-nazis, ce dont ils se défendent bien depuis leur arrivée à Montréal, pour participer au Congrès Métropolis, hier soir, c'est Michel Larocque et Bernard Houle, acouinés au Klu Klux Klan et aux *skin heads* néo-nazis, qui s'occupaient du service d'ordre aux agapes des convoqués par le Front au Buffet Louis Quinze.

Si tout au long du parcours, les marcheurs et leurs organisateurs ont insisté sur le fait qu'il n'étaient pas violents, ils l'ont prouvé jusqu'au bout, contenant tout leur monde à l'intérieur d'un scénario vestimentaire et de pancartes, répondant à tue-tête à l'appel des alogans du genre: «Dehors Le Gallou, on veut pas de toi chez nous», triturant parfois le nom du maître à penser du Front en «Le Galleux».

Face au terrain du Louis Quinze, des policiers de l'escouade Tactique du SPCUM ont écouté sans broncher les slogans anti-fascistes fusant de toutes parts, y compris celui-ci: «La police complice des fascistes.»

Un peu avant 22h, les organisateurs ont pressé leurs brebis de demeurer ensemble et de ne pas rentrer seuls chez eux. Quelques individus observaient à distance respectable et avec un intérêt peu commun la tournure des événements. Leurs «costumes» différaient de ceux plus décontractés et lyriques des manifestants.

D'autres personnes (ci-dessus) n'ayant pas pris part à la manifestation anti-fasciste l'ont observée de loin. Quant à Jocelyne Labrecque, elle a reçu la matraque d'un policier sur le bout du nez.



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Les policiers imperturbables ont contenu la foule. Heureusement pour le maintien de la paix, les membres du Front National et leurs sympathisants montréalais ont annulé leurs retrouvailles à la toute dernière minute.

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La police a eu fort à faire pour maintenir l'ordre, hier dans le quartier Rosemont, où des opposants à la présence d'élus du Front national et des partisans des politiciens de droite français se sont nargués. La réunion à laquelle les Français devaient participer a été reportée. L'un des élus du FN, M. Jean-Yves Le Gallou (ci-contre) avait justement plaidé en faveur du droit à la dissidence, durant la journée...

Manif contre les membres du Front national

ÉRIC TROTTIER et
JEAN-PIERRE BONHOMME

LA PRESSE - SEPTEMBRE 23/93

■ Huit cents militants antiracistes ont pris à partie hier soir les trois délégués du Front national français qui se trouvent au Québec depuis quelques jours, en leur lançant des slogans et de la peinture.

Les membres du «Cercle des Français résidant à l'étranger», un paravent du parti d'extrême droite de Jean-Marie Le Pen, devaient se réunir au Buffet Louis XV, rue Jean-Talon, mais ils ont reporté leur réunion devant la grande des manifestants.

«Nous avons eu ce que nous voulions; ils ont annulé leur assemblée. Nous sommes très satisfaits», a déclaré Bertrand Loisel, porte-parole de la Coalition antiraciste qui avait organisé cette soirée de «bienvenue» aux lepenistes.

Les 800 manifestants, dont une grande partie en provenance de Toronto et New York, étaient pompés parce qu'on leur avait dit que Jean-Marie Le Pen serait à cette réunion. Ils se sont massés en début de soirée à l'intersection de la rue Jean-Talon et de la 19^e avenue. Quand ils sont arrivés à la hauteur du restaurant, ils ont été accueillis par une trentaine de skinheads néo-nazis, le chef du Ku Klux Klan à Montréal, Michel Larocque, et... une barrière policière qui séparait tant bien que mal les deux groupes.

Tandis que les antiracistes criaient des slogans du genre: «Dehors les nazis, bienvenue aux immigrants!», les skinheads répliquaient par un «Heil Hitler!» convaincu, en élevant le bras droit vers le ciel.

Les policiers ont alors exigé que les skins débarrassent le plancher afin d'éviter un affrontement. Bien qu'ils se soient montrés arrogants, les néo-nazis ont fini

par se disperser. Ils ont parfois été pourchassés par quelques antiracistes zélés, mais les organisateurs de la manif ont demandé à leurs troupes de rester calmes. Le reste de la soirée s'est déroulé pacifiquement. Les antiracistes ont prononcé des discours contre la venue du Front national, ils ont lancé de la peinture dans les vitrines du Buffet Louis XV, sans plus de dégâts.

Quelques échanges de coups ont été signalés à la police, mais personne n'a été arrêté. Une femme d'environ 40 ans a été blessée; elle aurait reçu des coups à l'abdomen. La police a finalement réussi à faire évacuer l'endroit en fin de soirée.

Les opposants à la formation politique française ont également manifesté en après-midi au même Buffet Louis XV où avait lieu une conférence de presse organisée par Jean-Yves Le Gallou et Pascal Delmas, deux conseillers régionaux lepenistes (élus de Paris (Ile-de-France), accompagnés de leurs collègues Jacques Doré et Roger Alacoque, l'un chargé de mission aux affaires étrangères du FN, l'autre président du Cercle des Français à l'étranger (du Québec).

On voyait, dans ce restaurant ordinaire, un dispositif de sécurité digne d'une émeute à Los Angeles; dans une petite salle, une garde d'honneur du Ku Klux Klan formée de garçons bien plantés, certains au crâne rasé; ils s'étaient amenés pour «protéger» les lepenistes et il fallait montrer patte blanche pour passer les cordons de grades aux longs bâtons.

Pourtant, Jean-Yves Le Gallou a tout fait pour se dissocier des groupes extrémistes comme les skinheads ou le KKK; une déclaration en ce sens a d'ailleurs choqué le chef du KKK, Michel Larocque, qui l'a traité de traître.

Quoi qu'il en soit, Le Gallou a convoqué les journalistes pour faire une mise au point et «faire connaître la vraie na-

ture du Front national, cette nature «déformée par une certaine presse».

Le Front national n'est pas raciste, a-t-il plaidé. Il cherche simplement à établir que les immigrations massives, dans les grandes villes, ne sont «pas toujours positives» et qu'il faut en prendre acte.

Le Front national, reconnaît-il, diffère d'opinion avec bien des gens, mais il maintient qu'il a droit de cité et d'expression, sa démarche est démocratique. Ils sont présents (élus) dans les conseils régionaux et dans 400 municipalités.

La spécificité du Front est claire. Le parti lepeniste n'est pas «globaliste» mais «identitaire». Il favorise le maintien des identités nationales et régionales et l'équilibre démographique du pays.

Les lepenistes revendiquent ainsi le droit d'établir un «système de préférence» pour leur propre pays. Ils sont en somme loin d'être libre-échangistes.

On sait que la présence de MM. Le Gallou et Delmas, au sein de l'importante délégation française participant au congrès Métropolis a suscité diverses réactions d'opposition, dont un pif de nez de l'administration municipale qui n'a pas invité les lepenistes à son cocktail officiel d'hier.

Hier après-midi, le maire de Montréal, Jean Doré, a participé à une table ronde en assemblée plénière au congrès. Il a dit aux invités que Montréal, fondée à l'origine par des Français, est «une ville d'immigrants composée de 80 groupes nationaux». Le racisme, a-t-il dit, est «une perversion démocratique» qu'il faut combattre.

M. Doré ne regrette pas d'avoir rayé MM. Le Gallou et Delmas de la liste des invités à la réception d'hier. Ceux-là, a-t-il dit, «ne sont pas membres de l'exécutif» (de leur délégation) et puis, a conclu le maire, «j'invite qui je veux».

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CE QUI DEVAIT être le rassemblement des membres du Cercle national des Français résidant à l'étranger et de leurs sympathisants d'extrême droite, s'est transformé en une double manifestation contre le Front national: skinheads du Ku Klux Klan et pacifistes, les uns criant à l'hypocrisie du FN et les autres en dénonçant les positions racistes. Vers 20h, ces deux groupes ont tourné leur colère l'un vers l'autre, ce qui a donné lieu à plus d'invectives qu'à de véritables affrontements.

Le KKK aux trousses des Lepénistes

*Désavoués, les «gardes du corps» néo-nazis fustigent
les élus du Front national*

ISABELLE PARÉ
LE DEVOIR 25/93

Décidément, les élus du Front national auront eu la vie pénible au Québec. Hués partout sur leur passage par des manifestants, encerclés de policiers casqués pour leur protection, les émissaires de Jean-Marie Le Pen ont même réussi hier à s'attirer les foudres des militants du Ku Klux Klan qui voulaient jouer leurs gardes du corps.

Après une journée digne d'un roman-feuilleton, la réunion que devait tenir hier soir les élus du FN a d'ailleurs été annulée à la dernière minute malgré la présence d'une centaine de sympathisants néo-nazis.

Une manifestation antiraciste rassemblant plus de 300 manifestants se tenait au même

moment, Square Berri. Au moment d'aller sous presse, la manifestation se dirigeait vers le lieu de rassemblement des Lepénistes, angle Jean-Talon et 19e avenue.

Toute l'affaire a commencé quand les trois élus du Front national présidé par Jean-Marie Le Pen, invités dans le cadre du Congrès Métropolis, ont annoncé leur intention de tenir une conférence de presse à Montréal pour «éclaircir la vision du Front national présentée de manière déformée».

En sus de dizaines de protestataires antiracistes et d'un cordon de policiers, journalistes et cameramen ont eu la désagréable surprise, hier après-midi, de devoir montrer patte

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blanche à une dizaine de molosses du Ku Klux Klan avant d'être admis à ladite conférence.

Disant assurer la sécurité des élus du Front national, ses gorilles improvisés, arborant emblème néo-nazi et crâne rasé, ont monté la garde sous l'oeil bienveillant de Michel Larocque, organisateur du KKK au Québec.

Harcelés de questions sur la présence de ces « gardes du corps », les trois élus du Front national ont rapidement déchanté.

M. Roger Le Gallou, bras droit de Jean-Marie Le Pen et élu au Conseil régional de l'Île-de-France, a d'abord tenté d'étouffer l'affaire.

« Je n'ai invité personne d'autres que vous. Pour le reste, je ne peux empêcher personne de circuler comme il l'entend », a-t-il dit.

Mais aux dires des militants néo-nazis, c'est à l'invitation même de M. Roger Alacoque, représentant du Cercle des Français résidant à l'étranger (CRFE), qu'ils se seraient portés à la « défense » des élus lepénistes en cas de grabuge.

Visiblement agacé par la présence de ces jeunes « en jeu de combat », M. Jacques Dore, président du CRFE et conseiller FN de la région de la Bretagne, a fini par dire que le Front national se dissociait de « tout genre de bonhead et de mouvement extrémiste qui soit au Québec ».

« Toute personne qui se réclamerait du KKK serait exclue du FN. Ce n'est pas du tout notre tasse de thé », a-t-il tranché, désavouant ce que venait de dire son représentant du Québec.

Talonné sur les ponts existants entre le parti de M. Le Pen et les groupes d'extrême-droite du Québec, M. Le Gallou a affirmé, au grand dam de ses portiers à croix gammée, qu'il n'avait l'intention d'entretenir « aucune sorte de relation avec des formations politiques dont la fonction n'est pas d'avoir des candidats dans des élections démocratiques ».

Selon des informations publiées par le journal français *Le Canard enchaîné*, les élus du FN profiteraient de leur présence au Québec pour créer des liens avec des mouvements d'extrême-droite. Le Cercle des Français résidant à l'étranger (CRFE) comporterait environ 350 membres au Québec.

Ne sachant plus comment se sortir de ce pétrin, MM. Alacoque et Aure ont même invoqué leurs exploits militaires dans la Résistance et contre les nazis pour montrer patte blanche.

À l'extérieur, leurs gardiens d'occasion sont sortis de leurs gonds, indignés de ce désaveu. « M. Alacoque nous avait invités. On est venu donner un coup de main on est surpris de cette réaction », a fustigé M. Michel Larocque, grand chef du KKK québécois et membre d'Heritage Front.

Pour finir, toute la bande de néo-nazis ulcérés s'est mise aux trousses de M. Le Gallou et de ses collègues, qui ont dû fuir à l'anglaise par une autre porte de sortie pour éviter la foudre des militants racistes.

Aux dires des jeunes, très jeunes membres de l'organisation d'extrême-droite, pas moins de 200 des leurs devaient participer à la réunion « privée » que devait tenir hier soir le Front national et le CRFE à Montréal.

Avant cette chasse à l'homme, MM. Jean-Yves Le Gallou et Pascal Delmas ont dû ne pas comprendre les réactions suscitées par leur visite en terre québécoise.

« Je m'étonne des reproches faits au Front national d'avoir des positions contre l'immigration en France, alors que 89% des demandes d'immigration faites par des Français sont refusées au Canada », a rétorqué M. Le Gallou.

« Les Canadiens et les Québécois que nous avons rencontrés l'ont compris: les Français sont un peuple raisonnable. Ils ont donné 14% de leurs votes au Front national parce qu'ils considéraient qu'il y a de vrais problèmes auxquels il faut répondre sans haine, sinon pour l'amour de notre patrie », a souligné l'émissaire du FN.

Défenseur du principe de la préférence nationale, le Front est un parti « identitaire et non un parti raciste », a-t-il invoqué.

Ce parti compte 10 élus au Parlement européen, détient le premier rang dans le Conseil régional de Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, et le 2e rang des Conseils de Rhône-Alpes et de l'Île-de-France. Il est présent dans plus de 400 conseils municipaux.

Le mot d'ordre du Front national de Jean-Marie Le Pen se limite à préférer « ses sœurs à ses cousines, et ses cousines à ses voisines », a ajouté M. Le Gallou.

Le Front national prône la fermeture des portes de l'Hexagone aux immigrés du tiers-monde, la peine de mort, le rejet du libre-échange et milite pour la priorité d'emploi aux Français, la réduction des impôts et une foule de mesures destinées à renforcer l'identité et la fierté nationale françaises.

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SHUT 'EM UP SHUT 'EM DOWN

For almost two years the Heritage Front Hateline has been operating in Toronto. It is used as a promotion and recruitment weapon at the hands of white supremacist groups, the Heritage Front and COTG, groups which are violently racist and anti-Semitic and homophobic.

Since last September, following a complaint to the Ontario Human Rights Commission by the Native Canadian Centre, two sets of hearings have taken place. Both times the Nazis have used the hearings to march openly, with their fascist regalia and slogans, on the courthouse. This is intended as an act of terror – but both times Anti-Racist Action has counter-demonstrated to give a clear message to fascists that they will not be tolerated and that we will not be intimidated.

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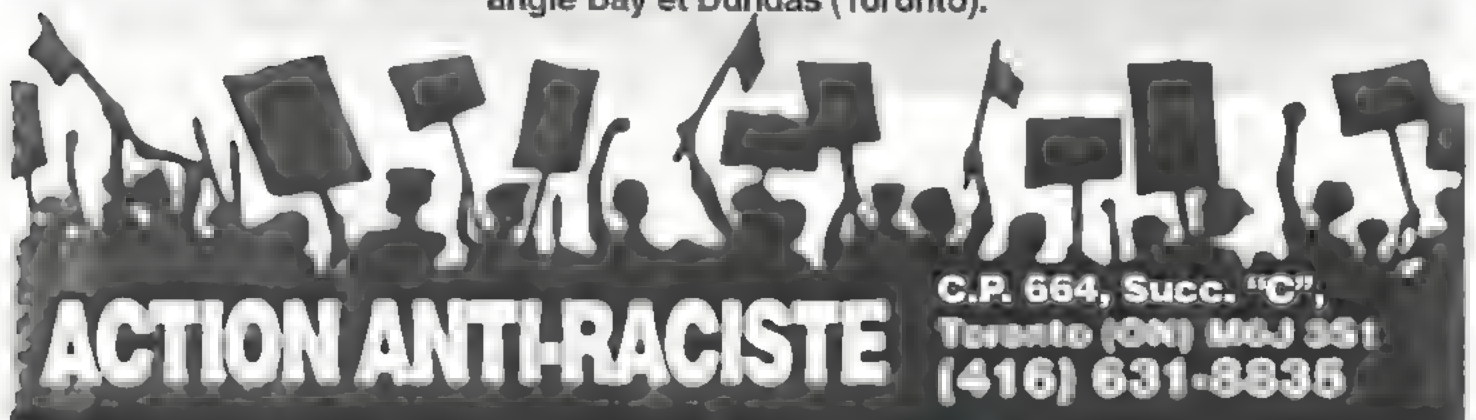
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SHOWBOAT HURTS!

The revival of the racist play SHOWBOAT to open the North York Performing Arts Centre is an inexcusable insult to the Black community.

Public funds are being used to pay for this garbage. Forcing students to attend this racist "history lesson" is an injustice! Don't be used - Refuse to go!

- Its very plot trivializes and romanticizes the holocaust that Black people were subjected to at the turn of the century
- It perpetuates the negative and derogatory stereotypes Black people have fought so hard to overcome and portrays Black people as docile fools who accept white oppression unquestioningly
- It is a total misrepresentation of the nature and extent of Black resistance.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Boycott any school participation
- Come to the **BLOCKADE** of the Corporate Gala
Sunday Oct. 17, 6:00 p.m.

North York Performing Arts Centre, 5050 Yonge St. (North York Centre Subway)

COALITION TO STOP SHOWBOAT • 656-2232
AND
ANTI-RACIST ACTION's
High School Campaign to Stop Showboat • 631-8835

What is SHOWBOAT and Why is it Racist?

ShowBoat is a lavish musical set in the Southern United States during the time of slavery. Its main characters are white and of mixed race, with minor characters who are Black. ShowBoat has been called racist for a number of reasons. Its uncritical and inaccurate portrayal of the era of slavery, written from a white supremacist perspective, adds nothing to our understanding of the extent of the crimes committed against African people during that era, their resistance to slavery, nor the continuing legacy of racism African-American and African-Canadian people face today. Likewise, the Black characters are created to be nothing more than a backdrop for the white characters, and to top it off they are based on racist stereotypes.

The book by Edna Farber that *Showboat* is based on, written in the 1920s, includes these passages:

"The cook was a wooly-headed black with a rolling protuberant eye and a quick temper of his calling."

"Gaylord Ravenal, strolling disdainfully up into the sordid village that was little more than a welter of mud and flies and mules and Negroes.."

"A simple ignorant soul, the black man, and somewhat savage..."

"One drop of nigger blood makes you a nigger in these parts."

"I kind of smell a nigger in the woodpile here in more ways than one."

"Eight months of flies and niggers and dirty mud-tracking loafers is enough for me, Captain Hawks. I'm thankful to get back for a few weeks where I can live like a decent white woman."

Such a portrayal of Black people sends a message to the audience that slavery couldn't have been that bad. The perpetuation of the happy, contented, less than capable Black stereotype reinforces the myth of slavery as a benign institution that had no negative or lasting impact on Black people.

It was racist then and it's racist now!

The producers of "ShowBoat '93" have attempted to sanitize the play by taking out overt racist terms such as 'nigger' and symbols such as the confederate flag. These are attempts to sugar coat and romanticize the racism of that historical period. By doing this some may leave the theatre with a completely distorted view of the historical reality of that period and the nature and extent of Black rage and resistance to oppression.

In fact, the staging of *ShowBoat* has always been opposed. Because of this, the play has been constantly revised and rewritten to keep step with the "sensibilities of the times". The problem being that the sensibilities referred to are those of the white audiences *ShowBoat* was created for, not the Black audiences whose descendants fought and survived slavery.

The current producers of *ShowBoat* are trying to convince us that the re-writes they are doing will not only make *ShowBoat* acceptable, it will in fact make it anti-racist. To say that *ShowBoat* (and hence the history of slavery) just needs a little re-writing, and then it'll be okay is like saying that the history of Nazi Germany just needs a little re-writing and then it'll be okay. Lying about history is never acceptable, particularly when, like the Holocaust, it involves the torture and extermination of millions of innocent people and when, like the history of slavery in America, it involves the capture, brutalization and murder of millions of people.

Not just a matter of taste

When the producers of *ShowBoat* insist that the musical will be done "in good taste" and in a manner so as not to offend, they are missing the point.

The decision to stage this racist production is offensive. The continued refusal to understand the concerns of the Black community is offensive. The public funding of such a production, particularly as the production to open the new North York Performing Arts Centre, is an outrage!

The campaign against *ShowBoat* is about taking a critical view of the standard version of history that is taught to us, which is very often far from the truth. It's also about learning to respect the right of all people, from all cultures, to be portrayed with respect and accuracy. No community wants to be portrayed in a degrading manner and horrific acts of mass violence are nothing to sing and dance about.

HELL NO, WE WON'T GO!

Garth Drabinsky, "ShowBoat's" producer proposes to use the production in the school system to teach students about Black history. The plan is to send 250,000 students to this production as part of an "educational curriculum". He is hoping this will help justify the millions of dollars of public money wasted on the production, but forcing students to attend a racist history lesson is an injustice.

Why hasn't the Ministry of Education taken a stand against schools' involvement in *ShowBoat* when they have made a commitment to anti-racist curriculum and to foster an anti-racist climate in our schools?

Some school boards have ignored the call by anti-racists and the Black community to boycott the play. Students and teachers can help end what amounts to a mandatory viewing of *ShowBoat* by refusing to see it or any other racist production, organizing against it, and joining the planned protests of it.

The anti-racist message your school can make at the opening of *ShowBoat* in North York is, Sink it!!

Don't just rock the boat — **SINK IT!**

The Coalition to Stop Show Boat is made up of individuals and groups opposed to all forms of discrimination such as racism, anti-semitism, sexism and homophobia. It intends to stop the musical production of *ShowBoat*.

● You can start a campaign in your school to boycott *ShowBoat*: The Coalition to Stop ShowBoat and Anti-Racist Action can provide speakers to your class or school to talk about the campaign.

● If your school is planning to force you to attend, you can **organize a boycott** amongst your classmates.

● You can protest your Board of Education's cooperation with *ShowBoat* by **calling, writing, faxing and/or demonstrating** at the Board Office.

● Join the blockade of the performances by the Coalition:

Protest the first performance on October 5th at the North York Centre for the Performing Arts

Blockade of Corporate Gala on Sunday October 17th 6pm at the North York Centre for the Performing Arts at the North York Centre Subway

● And of course, you can increase the pressure by **boycotting "ShowBoat's" sponsors**: The Toronto Star, The SUN, CFTO-TV, and CFRB 1010AM

For more info call The Campaign Against ShowBoat at 656-2232 or Anti-Racist Action at 631-8835

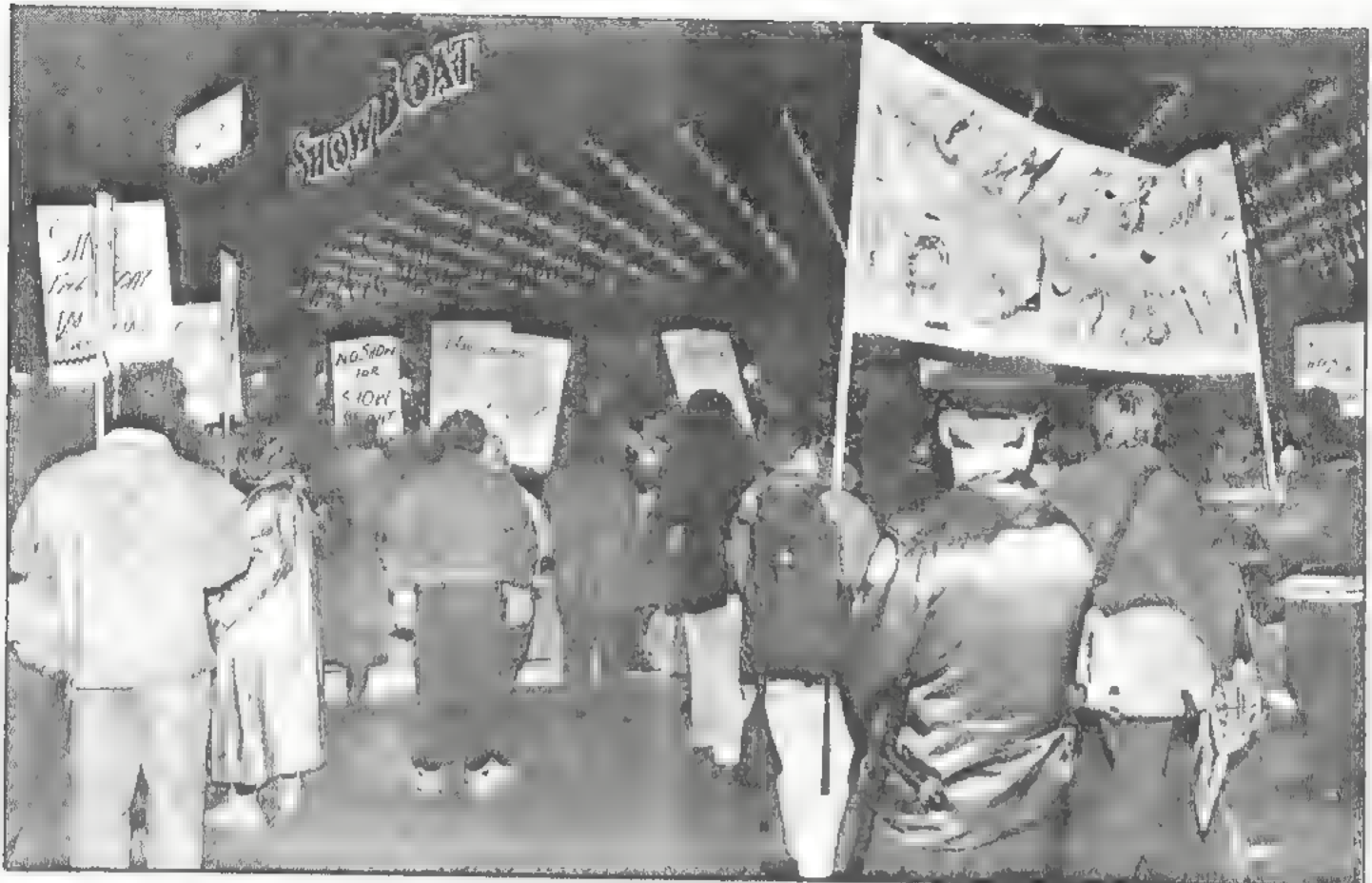
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**Don't be used.
Refuse to go to Show Boat!**



RON BULL/TORONTO STAR

RACISM CHARGES: Protesters, watched by police, gather outside the North York Performing Arts Centre last night in a failed bid to storm a preview of the controversial musical *Show Boat*.

Toronto Star 93.10.06

Police stop 100 protesters from storming *Show Boat*

By John Duncanson
TORONTO STAR

Metro police and auxiliary officers locked arms last night to stop about 100 protesters from storming a preview of the controversial musical *Show Boat*.

Chanting "Hey, hey, ho, ho, this racist show has got to go," protesters renewed their vow to "sink" the \$8 million production they say is racist.

Waving placards saying "Show Boat is racist" and "Sink Show Boat," the protesters kept up their constant chanting for more than three hours as theatre-goers inside the North York Performing Arts Centre received the first glimpse of the much-talked-about Canadian revival of the musical, set on the Mississippi River in the 1880s.

The Coalition to Stop Show Boat contends the story about a floating theatre is

racist and portrays blacks as dim-witted and subservient.

The protesters were met with an equal number of police officers on foot, horseback and motorcycles. Tempers flared several times as demonstrators demanded free access to the front of the centre, which they said was public property.

One man demanded police arrest him on the spot, yelling: "You're all a bunch of racists."

Around 8:30 p.m., police brought in extra mounted units to guard the theatre's front door. Curious onlookers stood by shaking their heads, not sure what all the fuss was about.

Two officers with the hate crime unit monitored the performance, Sergeant Tom McKinny said, because racist allegations had been made.

Standing amid the protesters, Dudley

Laws of the Black Action Defence Committee told reporters that "everyone that sees this show is insensitive to black people."

Protesters began to disperse around 9 p.m. There were only a few shoving matches with police and no one was arrested.

Some ticket holders were annoyed by the demonstration.

"I think this is just awful . . . this is a classic," said Milmary Mathews, who waded through the group to reach the front doors.

Some protesters refused to talk to reporters representing companies involved in sponsoring the show, produced by Garth Drabinsky's Live Entertainment Corp. These include The Toronto Star, CFTO-TV and CFRB radio.

Woman to stand trial on promoting-hatred charge

Toronto Star 93.10.06

By Gary Oakes
TORONTO STAR

A young Toronto woman charged with the rarely laid criminal offence of promoting hatred has been committed for trial in Ontario Court, general division.

Judge Milton Cadsby ordered

the committal of Charlene Elise Hategan after a brief preliminary hearing in provincial division court at College Park yesterday.

The judge imposed a publication ban on the evidence called by prosecutor Dev Bains at the hearing.

It's alleged that Hategan, 18,

of Shuter St. did "wilfully promote hatred against an identifiable group; to wit members of the black race" by "communicating statements," in this case a document entitled *Animal Life Series No. 1*.

Bains pointed out that the charge can proceed to court only if it is approved of and signed

by the attorney-general of the province where the crime is alleged to have occurred.

In this case it was done by Ontario Attorney-General Marion Boyd.

There have only been a handful of such charges laid in Cana-

da, the prosecutor explained.

Hategan is also charged with publishing a defamatory libel by delivering the document to others.

She was remanded to Nov. 24, when a trial date will be set in the University Ave. courthouse.

Judge shuts supremacist hotline

Toronto Star 93.10.09

By Nick Pron
TORONTO STAR



WOLFGANG DROEGE: Leads Heritage Front.

A Federal Court judge has temporarily shut down a telephone hotline run by the white supremacist group Heritage Front.

The restraining order, issued yesterday by Judge Marcel Joyal, will be in effect until a hearing before the Canadian Human Rights Commission determines if the recorded messages on it are racist.

The ruling came after Joyal dismissed charges that Wolfgang Droege, the leader of Heri-

tage Front, breached terms of his bail by getting into a brawl on College St. last month between members of the Front and an anti-racist group.

The 44-year-old Droege was out on \$15,000 bail after being charged with aggravated assault and possession of a dangerous weapon in an earlier incident. He had been under orders not to associate with any members of the Heritage Front.

While noting that the telephone messages have been more temperate after a complaint was filed about the recordings, Joyal said to Droege

that he would "only bring more trouble to his shoulders" should the messages continue.

Letting the recorded messages continue would only aggravate an already sensitive situation, the judge said.

"I have reached the conclusion that no more uncertainty or instability should be invited," Joyal said, in reading out his ruling.

Outside court, Droege's two lawyers complained the ruling was a "gag order" that will reduce Droege to just talking about the weather.

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WHAT IS ANTI-RACIST ACTION?

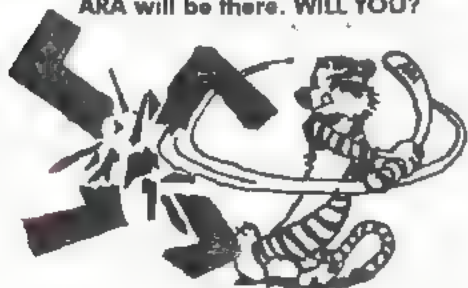
Anti-Racist Action (ARA) came together to bring people out onto the streets to show the strength of our opposition to fascism as well as our commitment to a multi-racial, multi-cultural, sexually diverse, liberated and fun society.

Since September 1992 we have been working in schools, in our neighbourhoods, and on the streets to help people organize independent anti-racist groups and to build resistance to fascism. ARA also meets as a large body to co-ordinate actions and campaigns. You're invited! Our meetings are wheelchair accessible and childcare is provided.

ARA also works with other anti-racist groups to develop common strategies to fight white supremacy. While we support those who pressure the government and the courts to move against fascist hate-mongering and violence, our focus is on direct action—grassroots responses to white supremacy where you have the opportunity to act on your outrage at nazi organizing in our city.

So far, ARA has been successful at forcing the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator further underground. No longer can they openly publicize their meetings or march in our streets without fear. But we can't stop now and let them continue to organize and recruit in secret. Fascism is an international movement, supported in many ways by racist police and government policies. It won't be uprooted easily. That's why we have to keep on building.

When they come for our sisters and brothers,
ARA will be there. WILL YOU?



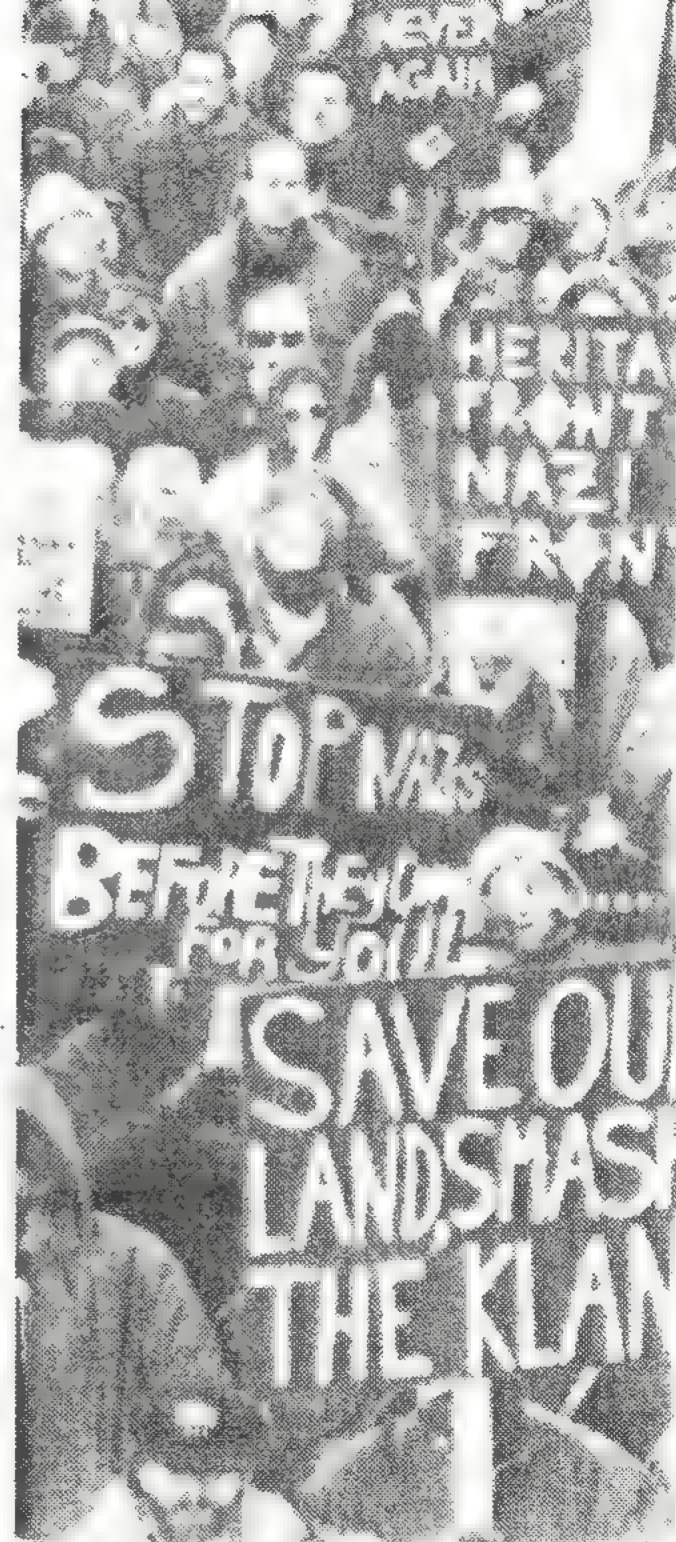
WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Get informed, knowledge is power
- Destroy racist posters and leaflets
- Make your own anti-fascist posters
- Bring anti-racists to speak in your school
- Confront nazis
- Challenge racist, sexist, homophobic & anti-semitic ideas and comments
- Organize groups in your community
- Join existing anti-racist groups
- Watch for upcoming "Rock Against Racism" gigs and ARA demos

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?
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THE NAZI THREAT—HERE AND NOW.

When Nazi Germany was defeated, almost 50 years ago, many believed that Hitler's racist, anti-semitic and homophobic ideas were smashed forever. But fascist movements continue to sprout up all over the world. Sometimes they have gained power, sometimes they have failed to take root and grow because people have fought back.

In Germany and other European countries today, neo-nazi movements are attracting more and more white youth. Nazi skinheads are beating and killing refugees, attacking their homes, and creating a climate of fear and hatred. The government is responding by passing new laws to further restrict immigration — as if refugees and immigrants should be blamed for the violence they endure!

Canadian nazis and white supremacists cheer when they see what is happening in Europe. They want to create the same chaos and fear here. For the past year, local neo-nazi organizations like the Heritage Front have felt strong enough to go public leafletting in neighbourhoods and highschools, holding rallies and marching in our streets.

By day, local neo-nazis pose as peaceful advocates of "equal rights for whites". By night, they show themselves to be a violent gang of thugs who want to relive the Holocaust.

WHAT THEY SAY:

The Heritage Front is literally a "front group" for Canadian white supremacist organizations, including the Ku Klux Klan and the Church of the Creator, a paramilitary group. They use their telephone HATEline to recruit and spew their vile message. They've called for the elimination of lesbians and gay men, the forced incarceration of people living with AIDS, and the closing of Canadian borders to immigrants and refugees. They've also labelled First Nations people who demand

their rights as lazy and drunk. And that's just their public face!

WHAT THEY DO:

● **ARSON:** In March, a neo-nazi campaign of phone and physical harassment of workers at a residence for young women culminated in an arson attack on the home.

● **ASSAULT:** Neo-nazis regularly harass and assault people of colour, First Nations people, people they think are lesbians or gay men, disabled people and street people. In one well-known case last June, a Tamil man was beaten within an inch of his life in downtown Toronto by a skinhead, pumped-up and drunk after a Heritage Front "concert" and rally.

● **VANDALISM:** Targets for nazi graffiti and other types of vandalism have included the Native Canadian Centre, a Holocaust memorial, and a youth centre.

● **WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE....** Last April, the Church of the Creator held a demonstration in Toronto in support of The Order, an American neo-nazi terrorist organization responsible for the assassination of a Jewish radio talk show host in Denver, Colorado.

● **....AND LEADERS LIKE THESE:** Wolfgang Droege, Heritage Front head honcho, is a former leader of the Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. In 1981, Wolfgang and other KKKlan members were convicted of attempting to invade the Caribbean island nation of Dominica. Their plan was to establish a white republic and cocaine-processing and trafficking centre as a base for the "white revolution" in the United States and Canada. **JUST SAY NO TO DROEGE!**

Fascist organizers are testing us, to see how far they can go. If they can get away with firebombing Toronto residences, what's next? Racist thugs will escalate their campaign of terror and intimidation unless we as united communities say **ENOUGH IS ENOUGH THE LIMIT IS HERE AND NOW**

LISTEN TO THE BIGOTS HOWL— ARA IS ON THE PROWL!

● **ARA IS BORN** (September 92): When the Heritage Front plans a march on the courthouse to support their telephone HATEline, a counter-demo came together with 40 hours notice. We greatly outnumber the fascists, who flee in panic.

● **ROMA RALLY** (November): ARA shuts down a secret Heritage Front rally featuring several prominent neo-nazi speakers. Over 100 humiliated racists are forced to slink out of the building under police escort.

● **QUEERS BASH BACK** (December): After the murder of a Montreal gay man by nazi youth, hundreds march through Toronto's queer community to show that we cannot be intimidated by fascists homophobes.

● **STOP KILLER COPS—REMEMBER TONY VEGA** (January 1993): ARA marches with the Black Action Defense Committee and the Latino/a community to protest the brutal murder of Tony Vega by Toronto police.

● **ANTI-RACIST STUDENT CAMPAIGN** (January): ARA joins the response to fascist recruitment and leafletting in Toronto's highschools with a mass rally at Riverdale School and march through the East End.

● **INFAMOUS COURTHOUSE DEMO** (January): Over 500 people show up at 8am to stop another attempted public display of fascist force. Only 30 neo-nazis dare to show up and march into the courtroom under cover of a mounted police attack on anti-racists.

● **OUT WITH FASCIST FROMM** (April): Hundreds of enraged highschool students march with ARA on the Ministry of Education demanding that Nazi teacher Paul Fromm be fired.

● **REMEMBERING JEWISH RESISTANCE** (April): The Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League and ARA commemorate the 1943 Warsaw ghetto uprising against Nazi occupation.

● **STOP KILLER COPS—REMEMBER IAN COLEY** (May): ARA and the Black Action Defense Committee take Yonge Street demanding an end to racist police violence.

● **ON THE PROWL, ON THE ROAD** (May): ARA Toronto joins with anti-racist forces in Ottawa to shut down a Heritage Front recruitment rally.

● **ATTACK ON THE HATELINE** (June): More than 300 ARA supporters bring the fight against nazis right to their doorstep, exposing the HATEline operational centre, home of Heritage Front propagandist Gary Schipper.

● **STOP RACIST ATTACKS** (June): ARA joins a 2000-strong community march against racist violence.



Forces will discharge racists, Siddon says

Toronto Star 93.10.87

VANCOUVER (CP) — The Canadian armed forces will discharge soldiers whose racist comments or actions violate the law or the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, says Defence Minister Tom Siddon.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy against personal harassment," including racial slights or actions, he said yesterday in a telephone interview.

"Promotion of hatred or racist behavior is not and will not be tolerated in the Canadian armed forces."

Prime Minister Kim Campbell ordered a review of recruiting policies when she was defence minister, but Siddon's comments marked the first time the government has said the armed forces are prepared to fire soldiers for racist behavior.

Siddon was interviewed after the Canadian Jewish Congress complained he wouldn't meet with senior congress officials about his policies on racism and neo-Nazi sentiment in the armed forces.

The congress has repeatedly asked for a meeting since May, after evidence surfaced that white supremacists and neo-Nazis were active in the forces, said congress official Hal Joffe.

Siddon didn't respond until late September, when an assistant sent the congress a memo saying the minister was too busy for a meeting.

Siddon said yesterday he'd be happy to meet with the congress, but had only just been told of the requests.

Professor's new book anti-Semitic U of T told

Toronto Star 92.10.85

By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

For the second time this year, University of Toronto officials have been asked to look into complaints that tenured professor Robert O'Driscoll has written a virulently anti-Semitic book.

"These books are clearly full of anti-Semitic diatribes," Karen Mock, a spokesperson for B'nai Brith, said yesterday.

Mock said that in addition to verbally complaining to several university officials, she has asked the Metro police hate crimes unit to investigate O'Driscoll's latest book called *The New World Order in North America: A Secret American Military Counter-Intelligence Report*.

Bernie Farber, a spokesperson with the Canadian Jewish Congress, called the books "an obscene attack on Jews, the anti-Semitic ravings of a very confused mind."

The book, which was published last week, was co-written by Toronto white supremacist and neo-Nazi John Ross Taylor, who wrote under the pseudonym "His Excellency J.J. Wills."

Taylor is the former head of the Western Guard and Aryan Nations and has been linked to white supremacist organizations around the world.

O'Driscoll, a 54-year-old Celtic studies and English professor who has written 21 books, said he is mystified over the controversy stirred up by his two most recent publications.

"It bewilders me. I am not pro-Nazi, I am not anti-Jew, but I am a person who will speak up. I won't be silenced," O'Driscoll said from his home near Arthur, Ont.

"Anyway, why am I being interrogated by my associations? I can associate with who I want."

O'Driscoll said he asked Taylor to help with the book because of his extensive knowledge of the pyramids and numerology.

"I have no idea what he proclaims and I do not socialize with white supremacists, nor do I agree with them," O'Driscoll said.

David Cook, vice-provost of the University of Toronto, said yesterday that his office has yet to receive a formal complaint on O'Driscoll's latest publication.

Neo-Nazi boss faces ruling on contempt

Toronto Sun 93-10-07

A judge rules tomorrow on whether the front man for a white racist group violated a court order limiting the content of the Heritage Hotline.

Wolfgang Droege, the German-born leader of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front, appears before Federal Court Judge Marcel Joyal, who presided over his four-day trial on contempt of court charges.



**DROEGE
Runs hotline**
The Front agreed to a 1992 court order sought by the Canadian Human Rights Commission that controlled the hotline's content until a tribunal could decide if the messages violated human rights law.

That tribunal, which began 10 months ago, was dissolved last month after the serious illness of a panel member. A new tribunal is expected to begin hearings next year.

Droege, out on \$20,000 bail while awaiting trial on charges of aggravated assault, has been banned from talking to the media by a justice of the peace as a condition of his bail.

But his lawyers have already indicated they will appeal if Droege is convicted of contempt.

Rights group poised to nix hate hotline

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

Toronto Sun
93-10-15

Two Toronto racists may soon be faced with a choice of hanging up their hotline or risking contempt of court charges.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission will decide today whether to initiate contempt of court proceedings against the two members of the white racist Heritage Front.



WOLFGANG DROEGE
Heritage frontman

After last week's court-ordered shutdown of the Heritage Front's telephone hotline, Gary Schipper, the "voice of the Heritage Front" moved his political commentary to another phonenumber.

That line, Equal Rights For Whites, has been operated for the last 14 months by Ken Barker, an Oshawa welder and core member of the Front.

Both men were in court last week when Federal Court Judge Marcel Joyal ordered the Front to close down their hotline until a human rights panel decides if they're spreading hatred.

The order applied to the Front's frontman Wolfgang Droege, all Front members, and anyone acting on behalf of the Front.

Commission lawyer Bill Pentney said yesterday Schipper and Barker's hotline "on the face of it, would appear to be contrary to the injunction" but the commission wanted to examine the facts more closely before a decision was made.

Pentney also confirmed the commission was serving the Ottawa chapter of the Heritage Front with official notice it was covered by the court ordered shutdown.

"The notice will let them know we intend to enforce that order," Pentney said.

Manning on defensive over racism charges

Toronto Star 93.10.16

By Jonathan Ferguson
TORONTO STAR

AIRDRIE, Alta. — The old-line parties are displaying their lust for power by using the "big lie" in a bid to discredit the upstart Reform party, Preston Manning says.

The Reform leader said shots characterizing the party as a band of racists and heartless deficit-cutters are the price it pays for bleeding votes from the other parties.

Hitting back yesterday, Manning accused the Tories of "senior abuse" during a swing outside Calgary where Reform candidates are thought to be winning Tory seats.

Tory MPs and candidates, Manning said, are visiting seniors' homes and warning residents the Reform party would cut their old-age security payments to shreds and gut health care to the extent it would only be available to the rich.

"It's psychological abuse. Scaring seniors with false information is the worst kind of ma-

licious fear-mongering imaginable," Manning said.

Reform says it would cut the pensions of seniors with an annual household income of more than \$54,000 to chop \$3.5 billion from the federal deficit.

It would freeze the federal transfers for medicare at the current level but allow the provinces to raise their share of health care costs however they want to.

While Manning was greeted enthusiastically by large crowds yesterday, he remained on the defensive over charges Reform is harboring racists.

The attacks began when the party ousted its candidate in the Toronto riding of York Centre, John Beck, after he made racist statements about immigration.

It was also revealed the Reform candidate in Burlington, Hugh Ramolla, was warned by the party brass to clean up his act after he urged another Reform candidate at a public meeting to hit a female opponent.

"Hit her, Craig," Ramolla was

said to have yelled to Craig Chandler, a Reform candidate from Hamilton, referring to NDP candidate Denise Giroux.

Meanwhile, faxes of what Reform's political opponents claim are more racist and sexist comments by party candidates and officials are circulating throughout the country. They include:

□ "It is a mistake to meet immigrants at the boat or plane and offer them a grant to preserve their culture." — Reform Leader Preston Manning.

□ "If you're a woman, colored and a lesbian, you're laughing all the way to the bank." — Colyne Gibbons, Reform candidate in Thunder Bay-Atikokan.

□ "They also happen to be very heavy in the drug scene in Toronto. They are working and not producing." — Reform candidate Keith Radatz in Kamloops, B.C., referring to non-whites in Toronto.

□ "We are a derivative of white European culture, this is

our identity. Immigration should not (be allowed) to destroy it with excessive numbers of Asians and blacks . . . Canada as we know it would disappear." — Rex Walbourn, former vice-president of the Peterborough Reform party executive.

□ "You know, we are letting in too many people from the Third World, the low blacks, the low Hispanics. They're going to take over the province." — Reform party official Alice White.

□ "I don't think there is any doubt (the Reform party would limit non-white immigration). But that's a perfectly reasonable position for people to take, and it's accurate." — Reform party lecturer John Abbott.

□ "Under a Reform party government, refugees would not be entitled to all of the provisions of the Charter (of Rights and Freedoms) just because they managed to get a foot on Canadian soil." — Reform Leader Preston Manning.

Neo-Nazis helped out at rallies, Reform says

Toronto Star 93.10.16

By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

White supremacist Wolfgang Droege and several followers provided security for Reform party Leader Preston Manning at two giant Metro-area rallies, a Reform official says.

But Andrew Flint, the party's regional co-ordinator, said yesterday that, at the time, organizers didn't realize that Droege, Alan Overfield and Peter Mitrevski were well-known neo-Nazis with strong roots in Metro's white supremacist movement.

Flint said Overfield and his friends worked at a Reform rally at the International Centre in Mississauga in June, 1991, that attracted almost

6,000 to hear Manning.

They also provided security at a January, 1992, rally with Manning in Pickering, he said.

"Overfield's company provided the security at the door. I wish they would leave us alone; it's been two years since we kicked them out and they keep popping up."

The men also provided security for several riding association meetings, including one held in July, 1991, in the Beaches Woodbine riding, said its Reform candidate, Hugh Prendergast.

Droege, the head of the Heritage Front, insists many in the party knew of their white supremacist links.

"It was quite obvious who I was and what I stood for because of conversations that we had and that sort of thing . . . It was only when the newspaper articles came out that they booted us out."



Droege



JOHN MAHLER / TORONTO STAR

ANTI-RACISM RALLY: Protesters march outside a University Ave. courtroom yesterday. A tribunal there is probing hotline messages.

Toronto Star 93.08.18

Heritage hotline 'criticism' not racist, panel told

By Gail Swainson
TORONTO STAR

Recorded messages on the Heritage Hotline slamming Canada's immigration policies and native land claims represent legitimate political criticism and should not be considered racist, a federal tribunal has been told.

Heritage Front lawyer Harry Doan argued yesterday that some of the messages were similar in content and language to criticism carried in mainstream newspapers like *The Star* and

The Sun.

"A lot of people had criticism about the (Tamil) boat people and about the immigration policy. Is it not permitted to criticize multiculturalism?" Doan asked in questioning Canadian human rights tribunal witness Susan Ehrlich, a York University linguist.

Ehrlich testified the hotline messages used language cleverly to "convey the idea that multicultural societies will result in violence and the disintegration of our culture."

The messages also implied that

whites are victimized by racial minorities who enjoy special privileges, she testified.

In a sometimes testy exchange with Ehrlich, Doan accused her of having a "preconceived bias" about the group's opinions that colored her judgment of the message's content.

"Is it because it isn't politically correct that you are characterizing it as racist?" Doan asked. "In other words, it's not so much what was said, it's who's doing the saying."

Federal Court Judge Marcel Joyal

said that under Canada's laws, people are entitled to hold opinions, but "maybe I have to be re-educated."

The tribunal is hearing allegations from the Canadian Human Rights Commission that the hotline, operated by the white supremacist Heritage Front, broadcast two messages in January that contravened a September, 1992, Federal Court injunction.

Meanwhile, a coalition of Metro-area anti-racist groups held a peaceful rally outside the University Ave. courthouse last night.

Smash The Heritage Front!

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Almost daily there are reports in the media of fascist violence in Europe. We hear about attacks on refugee hostels, immigrants' homes and on anti-fascists. In Germany alone dozens of people have been killed by fascists including the most recent firebombing of a residence where 5 Turkish people were killed in the city of Solingen (see article on the next page). As Europe closes its borders to Third World refugees and immigrants a climate of xenophobia and racism continues to increase as fascism once again begins to take root. But it's not limited to Europe, we too, here in North America, are seeing a resurgence of fascism and an intensification of racism and xenophobia.

Here in Toronto, fascists are once again beginning to openly organize and carry out violent attacks on people of colour, lesbians and gays, anti-racists and others. The Heritage Front (HF) is the most recent manifestation of fascist organizing in Toronto. It was formed in the late 80's by Wolfgang Droege, an ex-KKK member who has been involved in fascist activities for over 20 years in Canada. He had also spent 3 years in a U.S. prison for his role in the aborted white-supremacist invasion of the Caribbean island of Dominica. Droege built the HF out of the remnants of the Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan - which had fallen apart in the early 80's due to state repression and anti-racist activity - as well as other smaller fascist/white-supremacist groupings in Toronto and southern Ontario. The other major fascist organization in Toronto is the Church of the Creator (COTC). This paramilitary racist group based in Wisconsin, USA, has its second largest chapter in Toronto. The COTC, lead by George Burd, aka the Rev. Eric Hawthorne, advocates guerrilla warfare and provides military training to its members and other fascist groups as preparation for what it sees as a coming "racial holy war". They also provide security for the Heritage Front.

In recent months fascists have escalated their violent attacks. This included the harassment in March of this year of workers and residents of Youthlink, a hostel for abused teenage women, after an HF member was kicked out for her openly racist views and intimidation of other residents. This culminated in a firebombing attack that caused minimal damage. In May, a Black community activist was attacked by 5 fascists after a meeting.

Other fascist activities have included the May 8 cross-burning and rally by white supremacists in London, Ontario on the property of long-time Nazi, Martin Weiche. As well the Heritage Front has attempted to organize chapters in other cities such as Kitchener and Ottawa. In early May it was revealed by the media that a number of white supremacists, including COTC members Eric and Elkar Fischer, had served in the Canadian military. Some of whom had served with Canadian U.N. forces in Somalia. On May 17, Richard Gordon Manley, a fascist who denied links to the HF and COTC pleaded guilty to two charges of importing prohibited weapons and 5 weapon possession charges. Manley had been arrested last December for importing parts to convert semi-automatic weapons to full automatic. Police raided his home and seized 13 guns, including several full-automatic weapons, and 2,200 rounds of regular ammunition as well as hollow point and teflon-coated bullets.

Anti-Racist Action (ARA), a group of primarily young and militant anti-fascists was formed last year in October as response to the resurgence in fascist and white supremacist activity in Toronto. Their first action took place when they confronted a Heritage Front demo outside of a courthouse. The HF were protesting against a hearing regarding the possible shutting down of their telephone hotline. ARA outnumbered the fascists who

required a police escort to enter the courthouse. From there ARA quickly grew and organized a number of demonstrations and actions including a demo that shut down an HF meeting on November 13/92, a march and rally in December '92 in Toronto's lesbian and gay community to protest homophobic attacks by fascists and a high school campaign to counter HF recruitment amongst students. It was on January 25/93 that an ARA demo to counter an HF presence at another court-date for their hotline, was attacked by police. A number of anti-racists were injured and two arrested when police on horseback and wielding riot batons attacked without warning the demonstration of 500-strong. It was at this point that the criminalization of ARA began as well as a smear campaign by the media.

Previous ARA actions were always in response to fascist provocation and were therefore reactive. Nonetheless they were successful in hindering the ability of the Heritage Front to organize publicly. As a result, fascists began to concentrate on more covert forms of terror and intimidation as has been mentioned above. In response to this, ARA decided to pursue a proactive strategy by targeting a fascist centre of operation. In their words, "we will take the fight to them". A demonstration was announced for June 11 but the location was known only by a small group of ARA organizers and kept secret for security and safety reasons. Anti-racists instead were to meet at a community centre and from there proceed to the site of the demo.

In the period leading up to the demo there was a flurry of fascist activity. On May 29, the HF announced they were to hold a concert and rally in Ottawa to open a local chapter. A broad-based coalition of anti-racist groups called a demonstration to protest against the HF event. Many factions of the demonstration were reformist and when militant anti-racists clashed with police who were protecting fascists, they decided to leave the demo. A number of anti-racists were injured when police used pepper-spray in an attempt to disperse the demo. Later that night running street battles took place between fascists and anti-racists with 6 anti-fascists receiving injuries. On June 6, in Toronto, a Tamil was badly beaten and paralyzed by Nazi skinheads. Police arrested an HF member, Jason Robert Hoolans, and charged him with aggravated assault. Hoolans had just returned from an HF rally and concert with 2 fascist bands, RaHoWa and Aryan, when he and other fascists carried out their attack. The next day, another Tamil was brutally beaten in a racially motivated attack by unknown assailants. He died from his injuries on June 10. On June 9, three COTC members - Drew Maynard, Eric and Elkar Fischer - were arrested and charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement, assault and uttering death threats when police raided a COTC house early that morning. The 3 COTC members had kidnapped an HF member the previous day and accused him of stealing computer files, mailing lists and correspondence from their group. They drove him around in a van for 3 hours where he was beaten and threatened with being killed. When the HF member was released he went to a nearby hospital and then to police. On June 10, 2 Sikh students were attacked and beaten by a mob of white youths at a high school dance at Orchard Park Secondary School in Stony Creek. A demonstration was organized by ARA Hamilton on June 16 and 3 youths - Kenneth Jukes, Donovan Page and an unidentified young offender - have been arrested and charged with assault and weapons offences in connection with the attack.

It was in this atmosphere that over 300 anti-racists

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gathered at a downtown community centre on June 11. Literature that had been distributed prior to the demonstration hinted that the house of Ernst Zundel, Holocaust revisionist, neo-Nazi and publisher and international distributor of fascist literature, was to be the target of the protest. This was a diversion. While dozens of fascist skinheads and HF/COTC leaders and members were waiting outside Zundel's house, anti-racists were heading to the home of Gary Schipper, a top organizer within the HF and the "voice" of their telephone hotline. Schipper's home, at 97 Berrington Ave., is an HF operational base where he records messages for their hotline which is used as an organizing and recruiting tool. As anti-racists marched up the street to Schipper's house, they passed out leaflets to neighbourhood residents which exposed him as a fascist organizer living in their community. When demonstrators reached his house, people began to pelt it with eggs and paint bombs and then several militant activists proceeded to smash the windows and doors with rocks and clubs as well as throwing smoke bombs inside. Militants were very clear about the target and no neighbourhood residents were injured nor their houses damaged. The police, like the fascists, had expected the target of the demo to be Zundel's house and they were consequently caught short-handed with only 6 cops on hand when the attack



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began on Schipper's house. They decided not to intervene and no arrests were made and the demonstration ended as people left the area and safely dispersed.

Later that night, 40-50 revenge-seeking fascists attacked a group of anti-racists outside a downtown club. Despite having a 2-to-1 advantage, a number of fascists were severely beaten by anti-racists in a wild street brawl while other Nazis ran away in fear. Police arriving on the scene cordoned off the area and riot cops were brought in as reinforcements. As a result a number of fascists were arrested including HF leader Wolfgang Droege and HF members, Christopher Newhook and Peter Mitrevski who were all charged with weapons-related offences. Two anti-racists were injured and one was arrested and charged with assaulting police. While Mitrevski and Newhook were released a couple of days later on bail, Droege remained in jail for a week and on June 18 was charged with aggravated assault. He was released that day on \$15,000 bail. On the same day, COTC leader George Burdi was charged with assault as a result of the attack by fascists on anti-racist demonstrators in Ottawa on May 29/93. COTC members Eric and Elkar Fischer had been released earlier that week on June 15 on \$10,000 bail and the day before Drew Maynard was released on \$4,800 bail.

Media reaction in the aftermath of the demonstration and streetfight was predictable with the standard depiction of militant anti-racists as "vandals", "hooligans" and "thugs". The cops as well as the media portrayed ARA as being on the same level as the HF and one newspaper columnist called them "the flipside of the Heritage Front coin". It was no surprise that the media cooperated with police when they were subpoenaed for video and photographic footage of the demonstration. This was used as an important tool by police who are attempting to identify anti-racists. Consequently 4 anti-racists have been arrested since June 11 based on this evidence as well as identification by police who were at Schipper's house. One comrade was arrested on June 23 by police at a radio station following an interview with ARA members. She was charged with mischief over \$1,000, disguise with intent and counsel to commit mischief and was released the same day. Two comrades were arrested on June 28 by undercover cops during a large

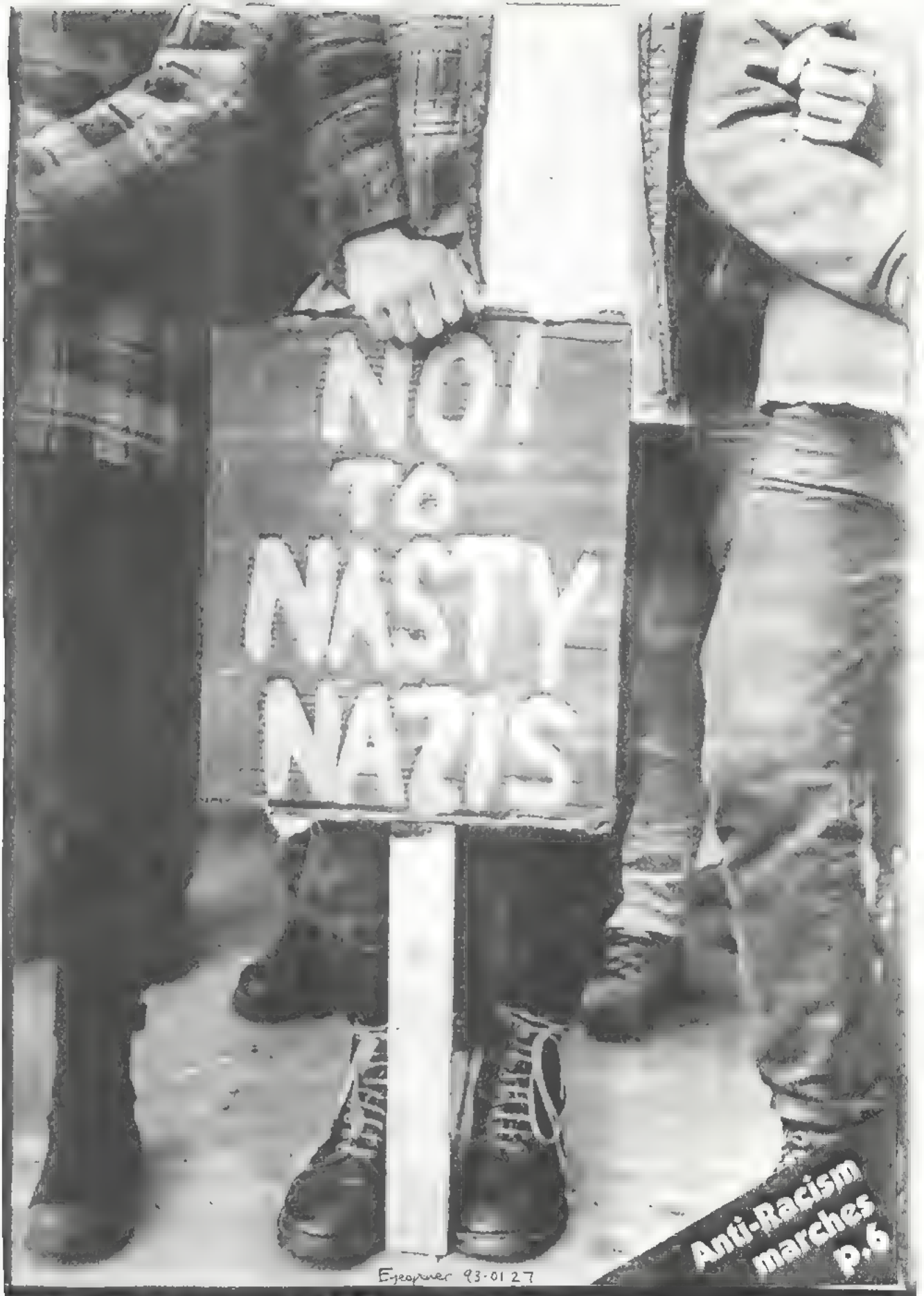
anti-racist demo that had been called by a broad-based coalition of community groups in response to the recent racist attacks. They were both charged with mischief over \$1,000, disguise with intent and possession of a prohibited weapon.

We at Arm The Spirit give our unconditional support and solidarity to the arrested comrades and to those who carried out the attack on Schipper's house and all other ARA efforts to fight fascism.

Never again fascism!
Attack the Nazis everywhere!
Open borders for all!

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The Heritage Front marched on Monday...

Protesters confront racists head-on

By Paul J. Adams
and Simon Edwards
Examiner 93-01-27

On Monday, 50 Heritage Front supporters rallied outside City Hall chanting "Equal rights for whites" and marching to protest a Human Rights tribunal convening to decide if the Front's "white's right hot-line" constitutes hate propaganda.

But over 500 anti-racist protesters marched to prevent the Front from entering the tribunal. Five people, including a policeman, were hurt when the anti-racist group clashed with police.

The injuries resulted when police on horseback attempted to push back anti-racist protesters to make way for the Front supporters.

Wolfgang Droege, the Front's leader, led his followers to defend his groups right to free speech.

"Our hot-line does not promote hate it promotes white rights," Droege said "Canada's anti-hate laws are 'anti-white laws'."

The supporters, many of them young, began gathering around 8:30 a.m. Some looked no more than 13 or 14 years of age, almost all were wearing

bomber jackets and 'Docs' or heavy construction boots. Two 16-year-old girls, holding a large white banner proclaiming "white rights" and sporting the Front's hot-line phone number, smiled for the press cameras in between chats with Front enforcers.

"These students are coming to us," Droege said when questioned about the age of some supporters and the group's recent attempts at recruiting in high schools.

"They don't like what they are being taught. We as whites are always perceived as the evil ones," he added.

Droege is a former Imperial Dragon of the White Knights of Ku Klux Klan and was convicted of conspiracy for his involvement in a coup attempt on the Caribbean island of Dominica.

With him on Monday were David Maxwell French, 42, a one-time member of the racist Nationalist Party who ran for Scarborough mayor in 1991, George Burda, a.k.a. Rev. Eric Hawthorne, member of the Wisconsin based Church of the Creator.

Three white supremacist groups attended the rally: the Heritage Front, the National Knights (a KKK affiliate),

and the Church of the Creator.

When questioned, Rev. Hawthorne said his church was "a secular-based religion that believes in the survival, expansion and advancement of the white race."

All three groups hope to one day realize a whites-only state where minorities are discouraged from immigrating.

Surrounded by police, the group was able to get around a large anti-Fascist demonstration set up to block their entrance to the courthouse.

Some people were injured when police on horseback pushed back anti-racist protesters to make way for the Heritage Front supporters. The injuries ranged from bruises to broken bones.

One anti-racist protester, teacher Erin Fletcher, 34, was hit in the head with a riding crop by mounted police officer.

"The charging (by the police) was uncalled for. People were standing peacefully," said Fletcher. "I was only trying to put into practice what I believe in."

Metropolitan Police Staff Sgt. John Stilwits defended police actions saying that officers were only "protecting themselves and their horses." Metro police officers were pelted with eggs and snowballs during the melee.

"We had to face the same violence from the hands of the Toronto police as we would of had to face from the neo-Nazis," said Sunday Harvart, Anti-Racist Action (ARA) spokesperson.

Speaking about the rally, Droege said "I feel I have to make a stand. We believe in being allowed to express our opinions."

"We are expressing a political opinion and we should have rights to free speech," said Droege standing within shouting distance of the 500 anti-Fascist demonstrators.

The protest ended quietly when anti-racist protesters marched back to Queen's Park and dispersed peacefully.

Gary Schipper, the voice callers hear when they phone the hotline, called the march a total success and said the police work was "exemplary."

The question still remains for the courts to decide: what constitutes hate propaganda and what should be protected under the right to free speech.



...as did their determined opponents.

CIUT host suspended after controversy erupts over program

Back on campus: white supremacist groups speak on U of T radio show

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BY NICOLE NOLAN
Varsity Staff

A host at U of T's community radio station has been suspended after she featured three white supremacist group leaders on the station's 10 30 a.m. show Tuesday.

Host Aparna Sanyal interviewed two leaders of the Heritage Front and the Toronto head of the Church of the Creator for half-an-hour on CIUT's student affairs program, *Incense*. The program did not contain responses from those opposed to white supremacist groups, nor did Sanyal challenge their beliefs.

The Heritage Front believes that Canada's present human rights immigration, and multiculturalism policies are threatening the "uniqueness" of Canada as a nation founded by white Europeans and hope to form a White Homeland in Ontario.

During the CIUT program, several other members of the Heritage Front stood guard outside the building and in the station's offices while puzzled CIUT staff looked on. Neither the staff, nor program director Dan Hart were forewarned of Sanyal's plans to interview the groups.

CIUT staffer Samina Khan said she thought the men milling about her office were members of a travelling circus until the station began receiving angry phone calls.

Listeners were not the only ones outraged by the leaders' unexpected appearance on the air. As the program continued, members of Anti-Racist Action (ARA) — a group formed to counter white supremacist recruitment — rushed to the station's headquarters on St. George Street in protest.

But when the first ARA activists arrived, Heritage Front members at the station's door initially refused to allow them in. When an argument ensued, ARA member Emma (a pseudonym) said the men taunted her and took photographs of her.

She said the men's intimidation tactics show why ARA opposes the Heritage Front's presence on campus.

"They (CIUT) refuse to recognize the threat that these people pose to communities and to students and they're willingly helping them along," she said.

After the show, Sanyal was whisked into a meeting with CIUT program director Dan Hart. While members of the ARA waited outside Hart's office with a list of demands, CIUT staffers continued to field a slew of angry telephone calls from listeners.

CIUT volunteers who convened outside the building after the program expressed anger that they were not warned of the groups' arrival and that the leaders were allowed to air their views on radio without criticism.

"I'm pissed off. There's no way in shit that should have been on," said Bill Green, host of *Café Incense*, the program preceding *Incense*.

Several other volunteers came to the station after listening to the show to register complaints with the program director.

"I'm never volunteering another second to this station," one volunteer told CIUT staff members.

"You've got guys convicted of international terrorism in your radio station on your program," he added, referring to Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege's conviction for plotting to overthrow the government of Caribbean island, Dominica. Droege has also been convicted of cocaine possession and trafficking in Alabama.

The host of *Uppercut*, a program which aired two hours after *Incense*, threw out her previously-planned program in favour of interviewing members of Anti-Racist Action on the activities of white supremacist groups. The show also logged five minutes of on-air silence to protest Sanyal's interview.

Concern about neo-nazi activity at U of T has spread beyond the campus to the Canadian Jewish Congress, who say they will take legal action if the show is found to be in violation of radio. Please see "CIUTers," page 3



Giving the finger to racists

Photo by Mimi Choi

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CIUTers angered by white supremacist show

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regulations. Emerging from the meeting with Hart, a visibly shaken Sanyal refused comment.

ARA members, however, had much to say about the incident. Their list of demands stated that the Heritage Front and Church of the Creator be permanently banned from the air; that CIUT run a 15 minute tape every day for two weeks criticizing the groups' activities and informing listeners on their background; and that the station hold an emergency staff meeting to discuss safety measures.

Hart would not give an immediate response to the demands, but was quick to distance himself and the station from Sanyal's actions.

In a press release distributed to campus media after the incident, Hart said Sanyal had made an "egregious error". Citing Canadian Radio and Telecommunica-

tions Commission (CRTC) regulations forbidding the spreading of hate on the airwaves, Hart said Sanyal had "disregarded both common sense and CRTC regulations" and apologized to CIUT listeners for the pain the program's content might have caused.

"CIUT is a community access station totally devoted to that and it has not been compromised by this. Anyone who interprets it that way is wrong," said Hart.

Hart said that Sanyal was "no longer with the program" but refused to comment further.

But volunteers and the ARA say they are holding the station and Hart responsible for the interview. Green criticized the station's program managers for not pulling the show off the air as soon as they realized what was going on.

"It's up to that station manager and the programmer to explain why that was on," he said. "Whatever

powers that he should have cut it (the program) off right then."

"Why 20 minutes into the show did the station manager not do anything?" asked another volunteer, who wished to remain anonymous. "Once they found out, they continued to give them a half-hour, uncritical promo piece."

Other volunteers slammed the station for acting irresponsibly.

"I have no problem with any political stripes' right to express their views as long as it's contextualized and challenged. In this case there was no debate at all. It was propagandistic," said Ron Cole, host of Friday night's *Big Scary Music*.

Others disagreed. CIUT staffer Khan said she thought the groups' interview was a good thing, saying the debate it sparked is what "interactive radio" is all about.

"I don't agree with what the Heritage Front stands for, but it's kind of neat that we had them on



Protestors at Sid Smith.

Photo by Mimi Choi

the show," she said. "You have to start interacting."

But the ARA and the B'nai Brith League for Human Rights say having white supremacist groups airing their views on radio is anything but "neat".

"I said when they spoke in the

classroom that they would use it to lend themselves credibility," said B'nai Brith communications director Robert Funk, referring to the Fletcher incident.

"It's intensified when they're brought in to speak on radio. Put these people in a class of intelligent students and the audience will see through them. If you put them on radio without opposition and give them an uncontrolled audience, then it's no longer an intellectual exercise, it's providing a forum for them to speak."

Response by members of the university administration has been lukewarm. David Neelands, assistant vice president in charge of student affairs, said the university does not control CIUT, although it appoints one member to the station's board.

The interview marks the second appearance of white supremacist leaders on campus in the past month. Two weeks ago, political science professor Joseph Fletcher invited two leaders of the Heritage Front to answer questions from his third-year class.

Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress called the actions of Fletcher and Sanyal "wrongheaded".

"Once you give them a stage you give them credibility. The university is going to have to

start getting a little tougher. When you have neo-Nazi taking pictures of students it makes for a threatening academic environment," he said.

But U of T president Rob Prichard said that since the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator were invited on to campus by an officially recognized campus group, they have the same rights to freedom of expression as all other members of the university community.

"If they were invited on our campus they have the right to speak," he said.

Farber said the university is taking its commitment to free speech too far.

"It's as if everything goes and it doesn't. There are still no guidelines to deal with racist incidents at the University of Toronto, and now we have an accredited radio station giving them a platform."

Prichard said a university committee is currently examining the possibility of adopting a speech code which would prohibit harassment of identifiable groups. When originally proposed, the code met with enormous resistance on U of T's Governing Council.

"I don't know what the committee's decision will be. These rank with the most difficult issues the university must address." With files from Naomi Klein

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TORONTO School Board Trustee Irene Atkinson listens as one of the students (seated) presents their demand for an immediate answer on the Show Boat issue. Photo by Jamil A. Asinia

Students oppose Show Boat

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93-11-09 By JAMIL A. ASINIA

Despite demands from students for an immediate response, the Toronto Board of Education has not yet made a decision as to whether or not students will be taken to see performances of the controversial musical Show Boat

A Board of Education meeting last Thursday was interrupted when some 20 high school students burst in on the session and demanded that the Board make a definitive and immediate ruling now on the matter

"The students call the meeting to order right now, and ask you, as a body," said Owen Collins, a student from east end, Toronto. "Those on the 'No' side, feel free to speak up — that is those who feel that Show Boat should not be attended by a quarter of a million students, as has been proposed by Live Entertainment of Canada."

The students have been challenging tentative plans to take approximately 250,000 students to showings of Show Boat and, because of the pressure, the School Board had decided to delay a decision until the musical had opened and could be seen and evaluated.

Harold Brathwaite, the Associate Director of Education, Responsible for Human Resources, said that the Board is awaiting a report from the Director's Office, as staff had been designated to attend performances of Show Boat and

then make a recommendation. He said that there had also been discussions about the pro-

duction of a "resource package."

A number of staff members attended performances of Show Boat at the North York Performing Arts Centre during the past two weeks and a meeting to discuss their findings will be

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Students take protest to the school board

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A report is being written and a recommendation will be made to the Board.

Brathwaite said that the first the Board knew about the students' planned intervention at the meeting was when a call was received from the CBC the day before, and also from a fax which it had received concerning the planned demonstration.

He said that had the Board been asked, they would have been happy to make the students aware of what was taking place.

Student spokespersons said they had been unsuccessful in attempts to reach Board members, being told by a receptionist that they were "busy."

Board members said they never received word that the students were trying to contact them.

"The Board policy is that Show Boat has not been approved for student visits," Brathwaite said. "A decision is pending. A Director's report is awaited."

At the meeting, the students demanded an immediate decision, but were told that was not possible.

"We have a Board meeting to conduct," said Trustee David Moll. "I'm sure you don't want to be considered to be fascist, or of trying to overthrow a democratic body."

The students were asked to leave, but shouted: "Hell no! We won't go!"

NO SHOW FOR SHOWBOAT!

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Reformer defends Party

The article by Anti-Racist Action member Lucky Rosenberg in the Opinion section (March 16) was tolerable for the most part; after all, denouncing the Heritage Front and KKK does not require a genius, but Lucky lost it near the end. He/she includes the Reform Party and claims we are "mainstream racists" who are "anti-immigrant, anti-native and anti-feminist and homophobic". The Reform Party is not anti-immigrant; we demand immigration that has Canada's economic good as its prime goal. Immigration should be for the good of Canada, not just the good of the immigrant. If voting against the Charlottetown Accord and native self-government is "anti-native", then approximately 60 per cent of natives (who voted NO) are anti-native. The Party only opposes radical left-wing feminists. We believe all Canadians should have the exact same rights regardless of race or sex. This is not the case today in Canada as the Charter of Rights allows for discrimination against white people and males (e.g. "employment equity"). I have met 100 other Reformers and not one has ever expressed a fear of homosexuality.

I suspect that Lucky is a supporter of Canada's largest socialist party. Well Lucky, lumping the Reform Party in with fascists is as insane as saying that the

N.D.P. is morally equal to the world's many communist parties (who have slaughtered about 80 million humans this century).

Jeffery W. Tighe

Take them to the streets

I am a citizen of a country half a world away, where the existence of democracy is only partial and where the phrase "freedom of speech" is almost unheard of. Having been in North America for awhile and grasped the true meaning of democracy and the freedom of expressions, I know how not to take my freedom for granted. Call me naive, but to my understanding, freedom of speech is a representative of the freedom itself, that is the freedom of a democratic society not only to express themselves but also to defend themselves without offending others.

I think it is very sad that there are still people in this so-called democratic society, and especially in these particularly educated groups of the society, who firmly believe that "freedom of speech" can be used however they want, even if it means offending others and hurting minorities.

By inviting white supremacist groups as the Heritage Front to the university environment, Professor Fletcher has certainly given democracy and freedom of speech a bad name. And by the way Professor Fletcher, the next time you want to give your stu-

dents a reality lesson, don't make the extra efforts of creating a stage for your students to watch. Just bring them to the streets, because those are where the real dramas of life really take place. And then, you can truly expose your students to all sorts of intolerance that still exist within (any) society. Observe and learn!

Yostana Nio

The ARA at U of T

I am writing in response to the amount of attention granted to the visit of the Heritage Front. As a member of Professor Fletcher's class, I did not expect *The Varsity* to mention the recent visit of the Anti-Racist Action to our class. Contrary to the extensive coverage afforded to the Heritage Front, the ARA visit was not mentioned in any article. To what degree are sensationalized and false assumptions the guiding principles of this newspaper? I ask you to be fair and to find some semblance of "truth" in this debate. Objectivity allows each side of an issue, in this case the right to free speech, to present its case. A reader may select an opinion or position based upon this information. A position must not be pre-packaged for public "consumption" by an editorial staff which should not and cannot speak for all interests at this university.

Neither the Heritage Front nor the ARA came to recruit members. Each came to discuss its mandate. The free exchange of ideas remains the basis of a liberal democratic society. This publication has defied this tenet to limit this exchange by presenting a biased and inaccurate account of events. By doing so, the campaign for liberty and equality has been compromised by a skewed perspective which enforces, rather than enlightens, a specific public consciousness.

Meredith Lordan

Editor's note: In the original article about the Heritage Front's visit the author included the fact that ARA was also scheduled to visit the class. In addition, ARA wrote an opinion piece for *The Varsity* on the subject.

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Body found near sprinkler

Toronto Star 93-08-17

A man who bore numerous tattoos, including hooded Ku Klux Klan figures, may have drowned in water sprayed by an automatic sprinkler system, police say.

And Niagara Region police are trying to locate a 911 caller who may know about the death of Mark Kilby, 39, of St. Catharines, found dead on the lawn of a St. Catharines shopping

plaza.

The caller requested an ambulance go to Ridley Square Plaza shortly after 1 a.m. on Sunday, then hung up.

Police said an officer checked the area and found nothing unusual.

But later, after the body was discovered Sunday morning by a plaza employee, police found it "was wet from the sprinkler system and it had just shut off,"

said Staff Sergeant Murray MacLeod.

An autopsy found more than a litre of water in Kilby's lungs and confirmed he died of drowning, police said.

Tests were to be performed to determine if the water came from the sprinkler system.

Kilby's body also bore tattoos of eagles, a Gothic warrior and a cross on a grave.

Neo-Nazis taunt anti-racist rally on St. George

BY SIMONA CHIOSE AND MIMI CHOI
Varsity Staff

Anti-racist and members of a white supremacist group confronted each other on St. George Street in front of Sidney Smith Hall yesterday morning.

About 30 members of the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League and the Anti-Racist Action (ARA) were protesting in front of Sid Smith against two appearances of white supremacist groups on campus in the past month - one in a political science class and the other on the campus radio station.

Across the street, several self-proclaimed members of the Heritage Front heckled the demonstrators and took photos of them.

Close by were uniformed Metro Police officers, a police van and officers on bicycles.

Both groups remained on their respective sides of the street. But the shouting match escalated considerably around 11 a.m., when students were changing classes. A few joined the group in their cries of "Nazi scum off our streets, out of our schools."

The Heritage Front members, when they could be heard, announced that they stood for free speech and invited the protestors to debate them. When cameras were pointed in their direction, they waved and posed.

During the demonstration, members of the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League and ARA shouted "Smash the Heritage Front," as they handed out leaflets demanding that the university ban the group and other white supremacists from campus. The leaflet included a protest ballot addressed to U of T president Rob Prichard.

The leaflet also demanded an apology from U of T and the class's professor, Joseph Fletcher, who was responsible for bringing members of The Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator on campus.

"We want to make a point to the administration and the professor that what they have done is an outrage. They silenced dissenting voices by not publicizing the visit beforehand and by telling students they could leave if they wanted," said Please see "Leaflets," page 3

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Sarah Leah, (a pseudonym), a member of the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League.

The professor of the class refused to comment on the demands, saying he had not seen the leaflet.

But U of T president Rob Prichard said neither the university nor Fletcher have anything to apologize for.

"Professor Fletcher's conduct falls comfortably within the boundaries of academic freedom and freedom of inquiry. I continue to defend him without qualification. There is no basis for an inquiry of any kind. I believe the facts are well known," Prichard said.

David Neelands, assistant vice-president of student affairs, said the university is in favour of "freedom of speech" and will not ban any activities that are legal.

When asked about the conviction of a U.S. Church of the Creator member for the murder of a black man in the U.S. last July, Neelands said the university would ban groups engaging in illegal activities, such as advocating violence.

"A group is not tarnished by the actions of its members unless it advocates them...unless it owns them," he said.

Whether or not U of T decides to ban white supremacists from the campus, the presence of The Heritage Front at yesterday's protest is an indication of a rise in its activities, members of the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League

said.

League members said they are concerned about the groups' advance knowledge of the protest, which was kept secret for security reasons.

"The scariest part about this situation is that the Heritage Front knows what's going on, they'll be there every time," said Esther Garfinkle (a pseudonym).

Garfinkle said her group had hoped students would respond to the Front's appearance in Fletcher's class. It was only after no response was forthcoming from students on campus that the group staged yesterday's rally.

"I would say the response from the students was extremely low key, students were not taking a strong stand against the Front. It's like the thirties, people are being passive," said Garfinkle.

After members of the Heritage Front left, the demonstrators walked up St. George Street to CIUT Radio, where the Heritage Front appeared Tuesday.

While one protestor scraped at one of the many Front posters covering the hydro poles on St. George street, others entered the CIUT building. There they surrounded program director Dan Hart and demanded that the station make amends for allowing the Heritage Front on the air.

The station has issued a letter apologizing for the Front's appearance.

Several of the protestors shouted, "This would never happen at CKLN," while the others worked out their demands to the station. Debate ensued over the protestors' request for 24 hours of silence, followed by apologies

for the Front's appearance.

The protestors asked Hart to explain why he did not pull the show off the air when he heard the Heritage Front speaking. Hart said he was in a meeting.

"Why doesn't anyone assume responsibility? This is a matter of collective responsibility, not one person making a mistake," answered one protestor.

Protestors vehemently objected to arguments using freedom of speech to justify the Front's presence on campus.

"It makes me very nervous when these people (Heritage Front) are given a forum. Either you support or don't support their position. I don't understand you can say it's freedom of speech when these people are preaching hate," said Garfinkle.

With files from Naomi Klein

U of T won't remove posters

BY NICOLE NOLAN
Varsity Staff

A white supremacist group has plastered St. George Street with flyers one day after their appearance on U of T's radio station.

The Heritage Front and Church of the Creator were interviewed on CIUT radio Tuesday. By Wednesday morning, flyers giving the group's hotline number and compelling readers concerned about "white rights" to call were pasted on almost every hydro post — and some university signs — on St. George between Bloor and Wilcox.

While several of the posters have been destroyed

by passersby, university officials say they are reluctant to take them off the posts.

U of T assistant vice-president in charge of student affairs, David Neelands says that he construes the posters as "hate literature" and will have any that are on university property removed immediately.

As for the streetside posts, however, Neelands says they are the property of Ontario Hydro.

"We do sometimes take posters down off the hydro posts, but they're not our property and we really shouldn't," he said, adding that Hydro has sometimes asked for the university's help in keeping the posts poster-free.

Hate group tied to race-based murder

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BY NAOMI KLEIN
Varsity Staff

In the controversy surrounding the appearance of two white supremacist groups in Professor Joseph Fletcher's political science class, one group — the Heritage Front — received most of the attention. There was, however, another organization which spoke to the class and again to listeners all over Toronto on CIUT radio. The group's name is the Church of the Creator and according to experts in the field, they are one of the most dangerous paramilitary hate groups in the world.

BACKGROUND

When George Burdi, leader of the Toronto chapter of the Church of the Creator spoke on campus, he presented views far more palatable than those expounded in the group's official literature — most of which is so violently racist that it's banned in Canada. Burdi writes articles for the Church's official publication *Racial Loyalist* under the pseudonym of Eric Hawthorn. Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress calls Burdi's writing "inciteful and out-and-out hate literature".

"He (Burdi) is potentially dangerous as is his organization. They really want to rid the world of Jews and blacks," Farber says of the group, which is rumoured to be stockpiling weapons in preparation for a "racial holy war".

When speaking on CIUT on Tuesday, Burdi

said he was trying to inspire "pride in the achievements of our ancestors". However, when speaking at a neo-Nazi gathering in Toronto celebrating Adolf Hitler's birthday, Burdi told the crowd his motive was to "chase every rat down". For Burdi, "rats" are traitors to the white race. His group explicitly advocates racial genocide of Jews, blacks and other people of colour.

In May 1991, one of the leaders of the Church of the Creator put those words into action.

George Loeb, a "minister" for the Church of the Creator's Jacksonville, Florida chapter (or cell, as the local groups are called) shot and killed a black sailor who had just returned from service in the Persian Gulf. Loeb was tried and convicted of first-degree murder. He left Church of the Creator hate literature at the scene of the crime; his car contained a small arsenal of weapons. In the argument leading up to the murder, Loeb is said to have shouted racial epithets at his victim.

Loeb fled the scene of the crime and was on the run from police for three weeks, evading custody with help from other members of the Church of the Creator before he was finally apprehended in New York.

Unlike the Heritage Front, which is a three-year-old Toronto-based group, the Church of the Creator has been around since 1973 and has members not only across the U.S. and in Canada but also in the South African secret police, and in Great Britain, Sweden and Australia.

The group was first formed in Florida by Republican politician Ben Klassen. After accusing the Republicans of intentionally courting black voters, he founded the Church of the Creator. Please see "Everlasting," page 3

Everlasting war: White Man's Bible

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Creator with the explicit goal of white supremacy. "We mean to cleanse our own territories of all Jews, niggers and mud races, and send them back to their original habitat." Where exactly this habitat is located is unclear as one of Klassen's books *RAHOWA! (Racial Holy War)*, states that "this planet is *all* ours." (italics mine)

On CIUT radio, Burdi said that each race should have their own "nation", explaining that this would provide a peaceful alternative to the inter-racial clashes of multicultural societies. But

Marc Caplan, research analyst in charge of right-wing extremists at the Anti-Defamation League in New York, says the group's true beliefs call for murderous racial cleansing — not separatism.

"The Church of the Creator calls for the murder of people, for worldwide genocide of these groups (Jews and non-whites)," Caplan says, adding that Klassen attempted to set up a paramilitary training camp in North Carolina to prepare for the "race war". According to Caplan, U.S. laws banning paramilitary activity prevented the camp from taking off.

Caplan's analysis is supported by Klassen's second book, *The White Man's Bible*, where he writes "We...declare everlasting war on the Jews, a war to the finish."

And the group's founder makes no attempt to hide the Church of the Creator's historical inspiration: Nazi Germany, referring to Hitler as "the greatest leader the white race has ever produced, and the greatest white man that ever lived."

One of the group's main priorities is recruiting neo-Nazi Skinheads whom Klassen calls "Young White Warriors", the foot

soldiers of the race war to come

Klassen has stepped down as leader of the Church of the Creator and recent months have seen a series of power shifts. The newly-selected leader is named Rick MacCarty and lives in Florida.

Caplan speculated that the Toronto cell may have closer ties with the new leadership than with its predecessor.

"Toronto has been one of the real centres for Church of the Creator activity since Klassen reigned. About that time the Canadian branches became more active," he said.

THURSDAY QUOTE: "I'm pissed-off. There's no way in shit that should have been on." CIUT Caffeine Free host Bill Greene says life is exciting enough without Nazi and caffeine stress.

Debate for you life

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Nazis are fun for about one minute. Wild ideas and funny hats. Living, breathing World War II memorabilia. A real blast from the past.

That's why professors bring them in as guest speakers in alternative education experiments. That's what makes them a staple on radio programs and talk shows. REAL LIVE NAZIS! NEWS AT ELEVEN.

And in exchange for great ratings and improved classroom attendance, the Nazis get to control their image. "See, we're not so bad.. we're just worried about our kids" or "We don't hate anyone, we just believe in equal rights for whites."

You see Nazis have an image problem. People tend to associate them with unspeakable acts of torture, mass graves, racial extermination, and the most violent hatred of difference imaginable.

And that's no fun at all.

I mean nobody wants to debate whether or not it's ethical to kill off entire peoples. It isn't challenging and it's kind of depressing. It's more fun to debate freedom of expression and the role of an academic community.

How liberal are you? More liberal than you.

The university doesn't want to take sides, to tarnish its academic reputation. OPRIG, one of the only activist groups left on campus is having a "social justice coffee house" next week. Why weren't they fighting for real social justice when white power groups invaded our campus this week? Exams.

The Holocaust happened when good people sat back and did nothing. "Never again" the world wailed.

Except during exams.

And slowly the Nazis' spruced-up image infiltrates mainstream culture. Their shock value diminishes. They become a viable alternative. Reasonable. Let's discuss it. Let's freely exchange a few ideas.

The Nazis much prefer that too: "We would like to thank the University of Toronto for supporting the free exchange of ideas" went the message on the Heritage Front's hotline,

strangely echoing the mantra of the U of T administration. Academic freedom is what we're all about, our president chants. As our campus is covered with swastikas and Heritage Front flyers, as Nazis take photos of our students who dare to express outrage over their presence, as messages of thinly veiled hate are broadcast over our airwaves and into our classrooms, as Nazis march down St. George Street in broad daylight.

Thing about Nazis is that they don't play fair. A little digging under the surface and you find bodies. A black marine dead in Florida. A couple more bodies of gays in Quebec. Books and magazines calling for the genocide of all "mud people". Birthday parties for Adolf Hitler. A paramilitary training camp in North Carolina and a whole shitload of guns.

Time's up. No more fun.

It's funny that at U of T, where professors, administrators and students all pride themselves so staunchly on their debating and research skills, their ability to make informed judgments and their intelligence, that nobody bothered to dig up the bodies that were so close to the surface. The radio interviewer on CIUT didn't bring them up—that would have been impolite. And the students in Fletcher's class didn't even know that another member of the group before them had been tried and convicted of first degree murder less than a year ago.

And the university didn't bother finding out whether the gun was loaded before they defended its right to shoot.

The first rule of winning an argument is to get all the facts. A debate isn't worth anything unless you ask the right questions. Get the dirt on your opponent. Pick holes in their argument. At U of T we debate the Nazis on their own fabricated terms.

Debate gets a little tougher when there is a loaded gun pointed to your head. You know, it's a funny thing about guns—they can always win an argument. Even if you're right.

So debate for your life, U of T. That's what university is all about.

Racists set up shop

Stories by John Bermingham
Staff Reporter

A white supremacist group believed to be behind a string of bomb attacks in California and Washington is said to be organizing in the Lower Mainland.

The Church of the Creator has formed units in Vancouver and Victoria and is recruiting members in Surrey and the Fraser Valley, says Alan Dutton, secretary of the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism.

He figures about 200 Lower Mainland skinheads have become the frontline troops in a possible battle for the streets.

"There are quite a few more young people involved than was previously thought," says

White supremacist 'church' recruiting in Lower Mainland

Dutton, who monitors such groups as part of his job.

"(They're) people willing to get out on the streets and kick butt for what they want."

The COTC is being blamed for terrorist-style attacks on a Seattle gay bar July 22.

U.S. authorities allege the group is behind the firebombing of a synagogue in Sacramento, Calif., and two separate attacks on offices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Its plans allegedly included murdering police-beating victim Rodney King in order to spark a race riot in Los Angeles.

"They are advocating the violent overthrow of elected governments in order to establish a white-only nation," Dutton says.

Vancouver RCMP say they're aware of the group but wouldn't comment further.

The group uses rock music to lure youth. About 150 white supremacists attended a white-power rock concert in Montreal last

weekend, given by rock group RalfoWa.

Recruiters also approach street kids, giving them a sense of purpose and a "family."

"More young people in the last five years have become involved with hate groups than we've seen in probably 20 years," sighs Bernie Farber, director of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

In B.C.'s interior, white supremacists have been distributing the COTC newsletter *Race Loyalty* to homes in the Kootenays and the Okanagan.

And Dutton says their brand of white supremacy is drawing in fascists from other groups: "It's absolutely fertile ground. It's attracting the worst elements of all the other groups."

Fight's on for group's leadership

The Church of the Creator, which has been preaching hate for 20 years, is mired in a leadership struggle following the suicide of its founder.

Ben Klassen, 75, who became known as the Pontifex Maximus, took his own life last week — and it's likely a Canadian will become his successor.

"They are not a church in reality," says Bernie Farber, director of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"They are potentially the most dangerous hate group on the continent."

Followers include prison inmates, skinheads and disaffected white youth.

The church has taken root in 20 U.S. states and eight countries.

The group is active in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal. And it's likely to become more active in the Lower Mainland and the Kootenays.

Church "ministers" currently face murder charges in the U.S., while church members in Canada have been charged in connection with assaults and riots.

And fears are now growing that its missionaries have enough arms and training for a race war.

"This is a group which is being trained to do violence and has a mandate to get rid of racial minorities," Farber notes.

Alan Dutton, of the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism, says the church's most likely heir-apparent, George Burdell, 22, is now facing assault charges in Ottawa.

"Burdell is the No. 1 guy in Canada," says Dutton. "He may become the No. 1 or No. 2 in North America."

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Beyond the Klan

by Helmut-Harry Loewen

Over the past few years a relative newcomer has emerged within the Canadian racist Right, adding its own version of genocidal ideology and murderous violence to an already volatile scene that includes the Ku Klux Klan, Aryan Nations, the Heritage Front, racist Skinheads, immigration "reformers," Holocaust deniers, and neo-Nazis posing as defenders of free speech. The successful efforts of the Church of the Creator (COTC) to penetrate Canada have set off alarms both among intelligence agencies and especially among anti-racist groups from Salmon Arm to Sherbrooke - as if these frontline activists did not already have enough to contend with, given the increased assertiveness of Canadian adherents within the international far Right, white supremacist, neo-Nazi network.

The Alabama-based Klanwatch Project reports that among white supremacist groups, the COTC "is in a category of its own - as fiercely anti-Christian as it is racist and anti-Semitic." Founded in 1973, COTC boasts a strong North American base with an international outreach in many countries, including active chapters in South Africa. Its rallying cry for a Racial Holy War or RAHOWAI, according to the April 1993 issue of *Klanwatch Intelligence Report*, preaches the extermination of Jews, blacks and other "mud people" and advocates using "murder, treachery, lying, deceit, mass killing, whatever it takes to win."

COTC has gained a strong following among Skinhead groups in the Midwest and in Eastern Canada and among prisoners organized by the COTC Brotherhood, a group that contends with other white supremacist, Aryan prison fellowships for allegiance and influence.

COTC founder Bernard "Ben" Klassen, 75, now living in the Florida panhandle after having moved his operations from North Carolina, has Saskatchewan roots. Born in 1918 in the Russian Mennonite colony of Molochnaia, his family lived in Mexico from 1924-26 before moving to a farm

near Rosetown, Saskatchewan. Upon graduating from the University of Saskatchewan, Klassen moved to the U.S. where he built a fortune with which to fund the COTC after having grown disenchanted with the John Birch Society

during the 1960s. Along with White Aryan Resistance (WAR) leader Tom Metzger and National Alliance founder William Pierce, Klassen must surely be ranked among the most sophisticated and thus dangerous leaders within the white supremacist movement.

Klassen has written numerous books and papers outlining COTC's ideology, including *The White Man's Bible* (widely read within that movement), *RAHOWAI*, and the widely-circulated newspaper *Racial Loyalty*. Such literature has been circulating in Canada for years, most recently in June in Salmon Arm and other parts of B.C.

In one of his tracts, Klassen writes of a "racial warfare unto death" which employs a multi-pronged strategy that includes a defense corps or paramilitary wing; an "intensive intelligence network" which aims not only at knowing "who our enemies are, what they are doing and/or about to do, but

also to ferret out the racial traitors in our own ranks" so as to "let them reap their just desserts;" and the building of "our own conveyor belts of information and mass means of propaganda dissemination." A fourth aspect of Klassen's strategy involves the election of "Racial Loyalists" to public office, "either covertly, or by open election."

Whereas groups like the Klan or the Aryan Nations are organized around a nominally Christian ideology, COTC is fuelled by claims that Christianity is itself part of a Jewish conspiracy and that even groups like the KKK are part of a "phony front for the Jews to enlist and corral. . . the White Race." COTC claims that "racial separation" is not divinely ordained, but dictated by the laws of nature.

Although there are still working alliances between the KKK and COTC in Canada and the U.S., the ideological differences within the hate network have not lessened,



Ben Klassen

even among younger neo-Nazis. Indeed, a letter by Manitoba Klan leader Bill Marcus noted the anti-Christian stance of COTC and added: "I am a Christian and I attend a Christian Identity Bible Study.... I think that Ben Klassen is an elitist but he does have some good ideas. I believe in White unity so I won't criticize a fellow racial brother."

Klassen in turn, has written that Christianity "is being administered by the world's most deadly parasite, the perfidious and treacherous Jew."

The violence committed by COTC members in the U.S. has been well-documented. In 1991, George Loeb, a Florida COTC member, murdered an African-American U.S. Navy officer. This murder is having repercussions within the COTC with Klassen attempting to extricate himself from any link to this crime by naming a series of successors and by shifting operations from North Carolina to Milwaukee and then to Florida.

In July 1993, six white supremacists were arrested in Los Angeles in an alleged assassination plot against Rodney King and in a complex conspiracy to bomb an African-American church. The FBI reported that those arrested were associated with COTC and WAR. This plot was uncovered during the summer months which saw heightened Skinhead and other neo-Nazi action on the West Coast, including the bombing of the Tacoma office of the NAACP, plots to bomb synagogues in Sacramento, and the discovery of stockpiled weapons by white supremacists on B.C.'s Lower Mainland. When asked by ABC News about the L.A. plot, Tom Metzger, while disclaiming any part in the conspiracy, affirmed the use of violence by the "White Race to defend itself."

There are troubling indications of COTC's presence in Canada.

- Rudy Stanko, once groomed by Klassen to be his successor, tried to enter Canada at North Portal, Saskatchewan before being permanently barred by an immigration adjudicator at hearings in December 1992.
- A 20-year-old Canadian died of heart failure during COTC paramilitary exercises in Ontario last year. There have been reports of COTC and neo-Nazi training exercises in other parts of Canada.
- Canadian COTC members have formed alliances with Ontario white supremacists, including Heritage Front organizer Wolfgang Droege and publisher Ernst Zundel. The COTC in Canada has its own "Security Legion" (a mobile intelligence-gathering and enforcement unit), and a racist rock band, RAHOWA!, which regularly performs at white supremacist functions in Toronto, other parts of southern Ontario, in Ottawa, and now in Montreal. This Canadian band produces recordings in a Detroit studio and is linked to other racist music groups in Buffalo and other cities. The political sophistication of COTC and other neo-Nazi Skinhead groups can be gauged by noting their increased use of racist music to target and recruit a new generation to a nascent fascist movement.
- Canadian COTC members have recently been charged with a host of crimes, including assault and weapons violations. Hate crimes are occurring at a time of increased

street confrontations in Eastern Canada and in the wake of particularly vicious attacks against immigrants and anti-racist activists.

- Reports this year indicate that members of the Canadian Armed Forces, including members of the Canadian Airborne Regiment, attended COTC meetings in Ontario.
- Despite claims that he is not a white supremacist, Toronto teacher Paul Fromm, organizer of Citizens for Foreign Aid Reform, spoke at a rally which included the Heritage Front, COTC, and other groups

Groups like the COTC can be said to be "beyond" traditional groups like the Klan in a number of ways. Without underestimating the ongoing activity and potency of the KKK, COTC's track record shows that its well-financed operations have played direct and indirect roles in murder, assaults, and intricate plots to bomb houses of worship and civil rights organizations. Its dissemination of hate propaganda to thousands of supporters here and abroad should also not be underestimated.

COTC is also able to form alliances "beyond" the Klan insofar as its anti-Christian ideology is shared by such militant atheist racials as Metzger and Pierce, both of whom have been cited as the ideological inspiration for past murders and who continue to play leadership roles in fascist circles. Even though Klassen has been criticized by some Klan leaders, both Metzger and Pierce remain influential allies of the COTC, recognizing that groups like WAR, the National Alliance, and COTC are on the cutting edge of the white supremacist movement with their success at training, guiding and supporting a new generation of even more militant and combative white supremacists than the Klan or even the Aryan Nations, which are now beset with internal difficulties and defections.

It is perhaps by observing the organizational success of the COTC and the Heritage Front that German-Canadian Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel recently proclaimed that groups like the Klan/Aryan Nations alliance are not adequate for what he views as the task ahead. In a telling article written in the wake of the Manitoba trial of KKK members and printed in a Pennsylvania Skinhead newsletter, Zundel noted: "I totally and without reservation reject the Klan as a meaningful or viable organization, idea, concept or solution to what is needed in the struggle for Aryan survival today and in the future. . . David Duke, Tom Metzger, Terry Long and now others in Winnipeg and Montreal should serve us as warnings that the Klan is no vehicle to advance the white race's cause in the 1990s."

Having taken the pulse of the white supremacist, neo-Nazi movement, Zundel recognizes that its vitality is now to be found with more successful and organizationally stronger groups than the fractious Aryan Nations or Klan. The COTC, together with groups like the Heritage Front, is part of that link which currently shows no signs of abating. The time to expose, oppose and confront such hate groups is now.

Helmut-Harry Loewen is compiling a report on hate groups for the Manitoba Coalition Against Racism and Apartheid.

STATE OF THE UNION

A regular column on the activities of the far right in the USA by the research department of the Center for Democratic Renewal

Ben Klassen, founder of the Church of the Creator (COTC), committed suicide at his home in rural North Carolina on 8 August. Despite his efforts to ensure the continuation of the Creators, Klassen's small organisational empire had been crumbling about his ears.

Although fellow North Carolinian Harold Covington had carried out a one-man vendetta against him, Klassen was respected by most militant neo-nazis. Tom Metzger, leader of White Aryan Resistance, told of his "deep regret for the long-time fighter's" death. Commenting on Covington's "smear campaign against Klassen", Metzger said there was not one piece of hard evidence that Klassen had cooperated with "the enemy". Klassen, however, never explained how *Searchlight* became privy to Covington's London activities.

Klassen's main problem was finding competent and loyal personnel. He sold off a piece of his rural encampment to William Pierce, who promptly put it up for sale at a nice profit. In an attempt to avoid responsibility for the murder of a black sailor by a COTC member, Klassen searched desperately for a business-minded successor to take control of COTC's financial assets. After three false starts, Klassen finally gave the Church of the Creator corporation to Rick McCarty, a Florida chiropractor. But McCarty let himself be used by a FBI informant posing as a COTC "minister".

The FBI informant, who went by the name Joe Allen, and an FBI agent posed as COTC members and infiltrated skinhead groups in southern California and elsewhere. Evidence provided by "Allen" led to the arrest of eight neo-nazis, six of them under the age of 23, around Los Angeles. They were alleged to have trafficked in weapons and bombs and conspired to murder Rodney King in order to start a race war. Rodney King is the black motorist whose beating by Los Angeles police was videotaped by a spectator. The acquittal of four policemen charged with criminal offences in the case sparked a Los Angeles riot.

The skinheads also planned a Sunday morning machine gun attack on the congregants of a large black church. One of the plotters was arrested for bombing the home of a black gang member. They were all arrested before a letter bomb was sent to an area rabbi.

The group that planned the attacks called itself the Fourth Reich Skinheads. Its leader, 20-year-old Christopher Fisher, was until last year a model student with Asian friends whose parents worked for the California state

university system. After the arrests, Fourth Reich Skinhead members attempted to portray themselves as lost teenagers who knew little about nazism, but just wanted to stick up for "white rights".

The weapons were apparently provided by an older, upscale couple, Christian and Doris Nidal. He was a flight engineer for Continental Airlines and also had a small aeroplane with a swastika painted on the tail. According to court records, the Nidals used a young skinhead couple, Jeremy von Rineman and Jill Scarborough, to find new weapons customers. In 1990, Rineman and Scarborough were married at a ceremony conducted by Tom Metzger during an "Aryan Fest" in Oklahoma. Metzger lionised Rineman after his spinal cord was severed when he and his skinhead friends started a fight with Latinos at a neighbourhood store.

Rineman was also a Church of the Creator member until he came into conflict with the FBI informant. Allen had converted an old warehouse into a gym and office. He used his COTC credentials to buy weapons from the Nidals and infiltrate the Fourth Reich group. In the June issue of the COTC's tabloid, *Racial Loyalty*, Rick McCarty, executive director of the COTC, published a letter by Allen which attacked Rineman. McCarty supported Allen in the dispute, writing a letter himself saying: "Rev Joe Allen has always been there for us and he will be there for you ... call him ... enough said." After police officials revealed the informant, McCarty claimed he had known Allen was an informant from the beginning.

Just two weeks after the FBI arrests in Southern California, civil rights offices elsewhere in California and in Washington state were bombed. A fire was started outside the San Francisco office of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) on 8 July, but did little damage. A pipe bomb damaged the NAACP office in Tacoma, Washington on 20 July. One week later, on 27 July, a petrol bomb exploded inside the NAACP's Sacramento

office, burning at computers, files and furniture. There had also been an unsuccessful petrol bomb attack on a Sacramento synagogue on 25 June.


The NAACP, the USA's oldest civil rights organisation, has long been a target for white supremacists. Since the selection last winter of Rev Benjamin Chavis as the new executive director, the sometimes staid organisation has been re-energised. Before becoming director, Chavis led the United Church of Christ's Racial Justice Commission. He also focused attention on the special environmental degradation faced by people of colour - an issue all but ignored by the mostly white environmental movement leadership. Chavis attributed the July bombings to "an emerging trend of attempts by the right-wing elements ... to thwart the very positive reawakening of activism within the civil rights movement."

No-one had been arrested for the San Francisco attacks as *Searchlight* went to press, but three neo-nazis linked to both the Church of the Creator and the American Front were arrested for the Tacoma bombing. Jeremiah Knesal and Wayne Wooten, both 19 years old, were arrested in California in possession of pipe bombs and rifles. Mark Kowalski, aged 24, was arrested in Seattle. Both Knesal and Kowalski were COTC members.

According to the Portland-based Coalition for Human Dignity, Knesal had set up an American Front postal box in Washington. American Front literature was also found in Kowalski's apartment in Auburn.

The American Front is a skinhead group with headquarters in Portland, Oregon, and members in California, Washington state and New York state. Earlier this year, American Front members in Arcata, California, reprinted material from Harold Covington's one-man newsletter *Resistance* and promoted his Combat 18 organisation.

In the end, whatever differences Covington and Klassen may have had, they seemed to have shared constituents. Perhaps Covington would like to share Klassen's happy suicide as well.


18/11/91

Dear Tim,

Many thanks for your letter of 10/11/91. It is gratifying to hear from such dedicated activists as yourself and Alan!

Please find enclosed 200 stickers, latest issues of R L and Racialist Newsletter from Muligan COTC. "Rahova" poster sent separately in tube. Can I trouble you to add "USA" to the bottom of each sticker as per top sticker in each bundle (either black ball-point or fine felt-tip) NO only had old stock stickers left, they were waiting for a new batch to arrive from the printers.

It is funny you should mention Blood & Honour, a comrade has already been and there should be a correction

in issue 12. Great minds think alike!

It is very important that we get in among the skinheads and start recruiting them. The BNP and NF are trying to disown them at the moment because of their so-called public image, and although they have their music bands and rock against communism Blood & Honour, they are very largely rudderless at the moment. We can give them a reason d'être - a reason for being! Creativity is the answer!

It was me who first suggested recruiting Shias to B'ham NF in the late seventies but giving them a white form of music as their music then was fast reggae, remember the Liquidator Monkey Spinner. Judge David etc etc. I am sure the Nazis deliberately planned the fashion to idolise reggae bands! Skinhead culture changed all that!

Keep me posted on your idea for a meeting/camp as we were hoping to arrange a meeting here in the Midlands soon.

Rahova!
Chris Newbery (aka)

Letter from a British COTC "reverend" to *Searchlight* agent Tim Hepple, emphasising the importance of recruiting skinheads to the cause of "creativity"

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Canada's nazi military links exposed

The revelation in early May that a nazi was serving in the Airborne Regiment in the UN peacekeeping force in Somalia was greeted by outrage and led to questions in the House of Commons.

Corporal Matt MacKay had been photographed in an Adolf Hitler T-shirt standing beneath a swastika in 1990, while a member of the Ku Klux Klan. MacKay, who was exposed in 1992 while a private, said at the time that he had renounced his involvement in the KKK in order to secure his career. He was later promoted to the rank of corporal.

The exposure of other incidents of nazi involvement by members of the elite Airborne Regiment led to calls for a full inquiry into the issue. Members of the regiment were present at a neo-nazi rally in Metcalfe, Ontario in 1990, organised by the Aryan Resistance Movement and featuring the British band No Remorse, and Erik Fischer, a former member of the regiment, was revealed to be the security officer in charge of training for the Church of the Creator (COTC).

May and early June has been a busy time for Canada's nazis but they did not meet with the success they had hoped for.

A month-long organising drive launched by the Heritage Front in the province of Ontario ended with the neo-nazi leaders holding their "educational programme" in jail. What started as a media campaign in Ottawa at the end of April, with an announcement of plans to recruit young members to "educate them, organise them ... and develop a political force across the country", ended in a street brawl in Toronto, leaving the leader of the group, Wolfgang Droege, in jail on weapons charges.

Cross-burnings

On 8 May, 30 neo-nazis assembled at the house of Martin Weiche, a 72-year-old former member of the Hitler Youth Movement, in London, Ontario, for a cross-burning ceremony. The event, organised by Weiche's son Allan and the Aryan Support Network, was attended by members of the KKK, the Heritage Front and the COTC.

On 29 May the Heritage Front and the COTC organised a Rock for Racism concert in the national capital Ottawa. Seventy-five supporters made it to the concert, which featured RAHOWA, the neo-nazi band of the COTC, and Area, a band from London, Ontario.

Effective mobilisation by a coalition of groups in the city led to a counter protest of more than 400 people. Following the end of the demonstration the neo-nazis marched to Parliament Hill for a rally featuring Droege.

In the minutes that followed, sensing that opposition was now minimal, the Heritage Front and COTC members went on the attack. Wielding baseball bats and bottles, they viciously and cowardly turned on small groups of anti-racists who had followed them.

The next day, the Heritage Front placed a

message on its telephone hotline saying: "it was Miller Time [a slogan for a popular brand of beer] for the Heritage Front and ambulance time for Anti-Racist Action".

Two members of the Front, Daniel Roussel, 24, and Geoffrey Sandes, both from Ottawa, were charged with assault following the incidents. In the week following the Ottawa rally, members of the neo-nazi movement started a campaign of harassment and threats to local anti-racists, promising further actions.

Strategy for tension

Neo-nazi threats and harassment of anti-racist activists are nothing new in Toronto, where they have been at it months. From telephone calls threatening activists at home and work, to vandalism of public and private properties, neo-nazis have orchestrated a fear campaign

may be revoked because he lied on his application in 1991, by "forgetting to mention" his past criminal convictions on drugs and weapons charges and his involvement in a attempted armed coup on the island of Dominica.

On 9 June he attended the bail hearing of Jason Hoolans, a 19-year-old neo-nazi skin-head charged with aggravated assault on a Tamil dishwasher employed in a local restaurant, who is now in a coma in a local hospital. Droege and Burdi left only to attend another bail hearing in the same courthouse. This time Erik Fisher, 29, head of security for the COTC and Heritage Front, his brother Elkar, 22, and Drew Maynard, 21, were facing charges of kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault for the abduction of a member of the Heritage Front.

The COTC trio were arrested after "they drove the victim for three hours, beat him, handcuffed him, threatened to kill him by injecting him with window cleaner solution", according to the *Toronto Star*. They believed the victim had stolen the membership list of the Heritage Front and was ready to sell it. They were arrested at the apartment housing the COTC leadership on Maxome Avenue in possession of a 12-gauge shotgun, a .45 calibre semi-automatic and a .22 calibre pistol. They all spent the weekend in jail.

Zündel visit

Neo-nazis were expecting a demonstration at the *Zündelhaus* on Carlton Street, Toronto on 11 June, by Anti-Racist Action and local activists. After the nazis took measures to protect Ernst Zündel's bunker, nobody showed up at the local nazi shrine. Instead a group of 250 demonstrators stormed the apartment of Gary Schipper, voice of the Heritage Front hotline, causing extensive damage to the building.

In the hours that followed, Wolfgang Droege and a bunch of 40 neo-nazis stormed a bar in downtown Toronto. Armed with baseball bats, iron bars and bottles, the group assaulted anti-racists and patrons of the bar. Despite the large number of nazis, everyone in the pub defended themselves and forced the stormtroopers to flee. Wolfgang Droege was arrested on weapons charges, together with Peter Mitrevski, another leader of the Front, and Christopher Newhook, who is also facing assault charges.

With Wolfgang Droege, Peter Mitrevski, Erik Fischer and Drew Maynard in custody in Toronto for the weekend, and several other members involved in criminal activities, the Heritage Front could easily form a jail unit.

This organising drive of the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator illustrates the real nature of these organisations to Canadians. They clearly showed what kind of education, organisation and political force they want to build in our country.

By the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice



in an attempt to discourage the local anti-racist movement.

Elisse Hategan, an 18-year-old neo-nazi, is facing charges of defamatory libel after distributing a leaflet hateful to blacks giving the address and telephone number of an anti-racist as the publisher. Similar attempts to mislead people and potentially provoke physical attacks on anti-racists were in the planning stages. She is facing trial on 24 June 1993.

The recent merger of the leadership of the Heritage Front and the Canadian section of the Church of the Creator has led to a more prominent role for George Burdi, leader of the COTC, in the Front's organising drive. It also resulted in Erik Fischer taking over security for both organisations. This merger only made official what all anti-racists already knew about the real nature of the Front.

From assault to abduction

The past few weeks have been no holiday for Wolfgang Droege either. On 23 May he was served with a notice that his bailiff licence

White racist held in heist

By BILL DUNPHY *Toronto Sun*
Toronto Sun 93-10-23

A key organizer for the white racist Heritage Front has been charged after a doughnut shop was robbed.

Kenneth L. Barker, the Oshawa organizer for the neo-Nazi group, faces robbery charges and charges related to a bomb or fake bomb found in his Oshawa home, Durham Regional Police Det. Stan Pinkney said last night.

A raid on a Toronto residence — home to Barker's racist telephone hotline and several of his friends — turned up a man wanted for the robbery of an Oshawa bank

Thursday.

Police said a man wearing a Halloween mask vaulted the bank counter Thursday, opened the till and grabbed "a small quantity of cash."

Barker, 31, was arrested and charged with the Sept. 27 shotgun stick-up of an all-night doughnut shop a few of blocks from his home.

A few hours later on Coady Ave. in Toronto's east end, a buddy of Barker's, Phil Grech, 20, was picked up and charged in Thursday's bank robbery.

Sources say Grech's apartment housed the Equal Rights For Whites hotline run by Barker.

The day before his arrest, Barker was named in a contempt of court charge in connection with his operation of that hotline.

Barker is charged with robbery, possession of a prohibited weapon — a sawed off shotgun — possession of a dangerous weapon — a device resembling a bomb — careless storage of a firearm, disguise with intent, and use of a firearm in an indictable offence.

Grech is charged with robbery, disguise with intent and possession of a dangerous weapon—a bomb device.

Racist duo vows to go to jail

Toronto Sun 93-10-23

Two Metro-area racists vow to go to jail before they'll shut down a taped telephone hotline alleged to be violating a court ban.

"Excellent, that's great!" was hotline "voice" Gary Schipper's response when told the Canadian Human Rights Commission would be appearing in federal court tomorrow to try and have Schipper and hotline operator Ken Barker charged with contempt of court.



SCHIPPER
That's great

"Worse is better — we have to show people the oppression that is there," Schipper said.

Schipper recorded nearly two years of daily messages for another racist hotline, operated for Toronto's Heritage Front, until a judge ordered it shut down two weeks ago.

Schipper simply moved his daily dose of racist rants onto the Equal Rights For Whites hotline run by Barker.

Both men are core members of the white racist Heritage Front and both, the Canadian Human Rights Commission believes, are covered by the judge's order banning the Front's members from operating a hotline.

Neo-Nazi clown jailed for robbery

Toronto Sun 93-10-27

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

OSHAWA — A neo-Nazi activist who pulled a bank heist in a clown's mask last week wasn't laughing as he pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon.

Phillip John Grech, 20, of Coady Ave., Toronto, was in court for a bail hearing after his arrest Friday on charges of robbery, possession of an explosive device and wearing a disguise while committing a crime.

But in a surprising move, the young member of the white racist Heritage Front instructed lawyer George Wooten to make a deal.

Grech, who had confessed to police, ended up pleading guilty to the weapon and disguise offences, and to a lesser charge of theft over \$1,000.

Mr. Justice J.C. Craw-

ford, noting that it was Grech's first offence and that no threat of violence had been used in the heist, sentenced Grech to 18 months in jail.

He was also ordered not to associate with two other Heritage Front members and friends who are up on charges stem-

ming from the armed robbery of an Oshawa coffee and doughnut shop.

One of those two men, Leslie Jasinski appeared in the Oshawa courthouse earlier yesterday.

He was charged with robbery, use of a firearm, possession of a prohibited

weapon and wearing a disguise.

Jasinski, 25 of Parkway Ave., Toronto, was arrested by Durham police moments after he testified at the bail hearing of his friend Ken Barker on Monday. Barker is also charged in the Sept. 27 doughnut shop stickup.

THIRD MEMBER ARRESTED Heritage men held

By BILL DUNPHY OCT 26/93
Toronto Sun

OSHAWA — Two members of the Heritage Front failed to win their release from Whitby jail yesterday, where they're being held on armed robbery charges.

And in a surprising turn of events, a third member of the white racist group was arrested by police as he finished testifying in one of the bail hearings.

Ken Barker, 31, of Bloor St., Oshawa, and Phil Grech, 20, of Coady Ave., Toronto, were arrested by Durham police last week and charged in separate armed robberies and a variety of weapons offences.

Yesterday, Grech appeared briefly and

was remanded in custody until today to give him time to instruct a lawyer.

Barker — a key Oshawa organizer for the Front — got a full bail hearing, details of which can not be reported because of a publication ban.

But as Barker's hearing was wrapping up, Durham Police took a third Heritage Front member into custody seconds after he finished testifying on Barker's behalf.

The publication ban prevents reporting on what happened.

Judge Brenna Brown set bail for Barker — an unemployed single father — at \$15,000 and his lawyer, Harry Doan, said yesterday he doubted Barker would be able to meet that amount.

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NEIGHBORHOOD TERROR ALERT

On Tuesday, November 9th at 5:30 p.m., a group of radical leftists, anarchists and militant "feminists", calling themselves *"ANTI-RACIST ACTION"* are planning to hold a protest march in your neighborhood.

They plan to march from Taddlecreek Park to the German Consulate at 77 Admiral Road.

The stated purpose of their protest is to "remember Kristallnacht" — the night of broken glass.

It should be remembered that this is the same group of malcontents who earlier this year, on June 11, trashed the home of a well-known Toronto citizen, breaking every window in his house. They also hurled paint bombs and human excrement at the dwelling, causing unwarranted expense to an innocent landlord. Their actions terrorized residents on the mostly-immigrant east-end street.

MAKE NO MISTAKE! These people have already been unmasked as the terrorists they really are, but they have reared their ugly heads again!

They can be violent and dangerous. DO NOT CONFRONT THEM! The Police Dept. will be in attendance to monitor their activities.

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Violent attacks have tripled since removal of asylum rights

Bonn admits violence is growing

Germany has at last officially admitted that fascist violence is growing. In a statement issued on 29 July, Germany's central police authority, the Bundeskriminalamt (BKA), revealed that since the removal of the right of asylum in May, the number of violent incidents has more than tripled.

In June alone, the BKA registered 1,307 incidents - including 76 firebombings and 79 woundings - as against 400 reported offences

in May, bringing the total for the first six months of 1993 to 3,365. This figure is over 130 per cent more than the 1,443 incidents registered during the first six months of 1992.

Despite this long overdue admission, the German government persists with a virtual 'do nothing' policy, although the new interior minister, Manfred Kanther, has indicated that the repressive anti-refugee stance of the government will be bolstered, that police spying will be intensified and that police powers should be strengthened.

This was not unexpected as Kanther is the man who said earlier this year that the ruling

Christian Democrats (CDU) "must have policies for which Republican supporters can vote." This kind of approach almost guarantees that the level of race hate and violence will grow.

Police measures alone can and will solve nothing, because the tendencies to race hate xenophobia and violence are being constantly reinforced by a government whose principal concern is to outflank the fascist Republican Partei and prevent the defection of millions of CDU voters to the parties on its right.

Neo-nazi death toll hits 68

The figures for racist and nazi killings provided by the Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz (BVS) internal security service are, like its statistics for nazi terror incidents, pitifully inaccurate. Many killings have been included under the heading "non-political disorder" when in reality they were the handiwork of killers inspired by nazi motivation.

The BVS claims 30 people have died at the hands of actors and fascists since reunification on 3 October 1990. In 1992 the BVS reported 15 deaths when the real figure was at least 30 and this year the BVS lists eight deaths up to 31 May. Against this, independent observers put the total up to 30 June at 24 murder victims.

Searchlight's friends at the office of Bundestag member Ulla Jelpke have compiled an updated list of victims killed by nazis and racists since reunification, which we reproduce below. The final count for the number of victims stands at a horrifying 68.

Entries asterisked are not included in the BVS list up to end of 1992.

1990

21 October*. Ludwigslburg. Eberhard Arnold, a 23-year-old basketball fan is hit by a petrol bomb hurled by nazi skins and then hurled, in flames, onto a railway line.

24 November*. Eberswalde. Fifty neo-nazis find Amadeu Antonio from Mozambique in the only pub in the city which still serves black people. They beat him to death with fists, bats and baseball bats.

28 December. Hachenberg. Nihat Yusufoglu, a Kurd, is stabbed to death by nazi boneheads.

31 December. Rosdorf. Bundeswehr conscript Alexander Selchow is stabbed to death by members of the nazi FAP.

1991

24 February*. Leisnig. An Afghan refugee dies from injuries sustained in a fascist raid on his refugee hostel.

31 March. Dresden. Jorge Joma Gomonde, an Angolan, dies of injuries inflicted in a beating by nazi boneheads.

1 June*. Leipzig. Nazi boneheads hurt a 35-year-old man out of a moving train. He dies without regaining consciousness.

4 June*. Kisdorf. Nazis stab and murder Helmut Lega.

16 June. Friedrichshafen. Agostinho, a 34-year-old Angolan, is stabbed to death by a member of the nazi Deutsche Volkssonne's security troop. The killer is later described in nazi leaflets as "the hero of Friedrichshafen".

19 September. Saarbrücken. Ghanaian refugee Samuel Yehobah is burnt to death in a nazi firebomb attack.

20 October*. Berlin. Mete Eksi, a 19-year-old Turkish student is beaten so heavily by racists armed with baseball bats that he dies on 12 November after a long coma.

4 December*. Hohenheim. A 30-year-old man dies of his injuries after being attacked by fascist youths.

10 December*. Munich. A Romanian asylum-seeker dies after his skull was smashed by a gang of ten neo-nazis.

14 December*. Cottbus. A 27-year-old German, Timo Kahle, is shot then burned alive by the nazi Werewolf-Jugendheim-Sentienberg.

1992

11 January*. Hanover. A resident in a refugee home is so badly beaten by a right-extremist Bundeswehr soldier that he dies of his injuries the next day.

31 January*. Lamspertheim. Three Sri Lankan refugees burnt to death in a racist arson attack.

4 March*. Githorn. Matthias Knabe, a 23-year-old German, dies from severe brain damage after a beating by 15 nazi boneheads.

6 March*. Reilingen. Ten nazi boneheads stab a Turk to death in a discotheque near Mannheim.

15 March. Saal. Forty racist youths invade a refugee hostel and beat Dragomir Christel, an 18-year-old Romanian, to death.

18 March. Buxtehude. A 53-year-old German sea captain, Gustav Schneeweis, is beaten to death by a nazi because he said Hitler was "a big criminal".

19 March. Flensburg. A 31-year-old homeless German, Ingo Finkern, is kicked unconscious by a nazi bonehead and thrown into the harbour where he drowns.

4 April. Horstel. A German is killed in an attack on a refugee centre.

25 April. Berlin. A nazi Deutsche Volkssonne supporter murders Nguyen Van Tu, a 29-year-old Vietnamese.

9 May. Magdeburg. Fifty nazis armed with a variety of weapons storm a birthday party while police look on. Torsien Lamprecht, a young German, has his skull smashed and dies two days later from severe head injuries.

1 July. Neuruppin. A 50-year-old homeless German, Emil Wendland, is kicked and knifed to death by neo-nazis.

5 July*. Pasewalk. Two so far unnamed people crossing the frontier illegally are cold-bloodedly murdered by German vigilantes near the Polish border.

8 July. Ostfildern-Kemnat. Masked nazis beat Yugoslav worker Sadri Bertschi to death after listening to a recording of speeches by Adolf Hitler.

1 August. Bad Brenig. A 17-year-old fascist stabs Klaus Dieter Klein, a 49-year-old homeless German, to death.

3 August. Stettin. Ireneusz Syderski, a Polish worker beaten to death by nazi boneheads employed as disco bouncers.

24 August*. Koblenz. A 23-year-old nazi lets loose with a pistol and shoots Frank Bönisch, a homeless German, to death.

29 August. Berlin-Charlottenburg. Nazis, including a known Ku Klux Klan supporter, beat Günter Schwannicke, a vagrant, to death.

19 October*. Berlin. A 37-year-old Peruvian is attacked by racists near the fashionable Kurfürstendamm, beaten and stabbed to death.

7 November. Lehnin. A 51-year-old homeless German, Rolf Schulze, beaten and burnt alive by nazi boneheads and then dumped in a lake.

13 November. Wuppertal. A 53-year-old German butcher, Karl-Hans Rohm, beaten to death, burned and dumped across the Duich

frontier by neo-nazis because they thought their victim was a Jew.

21 November. Berlin. Nazi skins stab anti-fascist Silvio Meyer to death.

23 November. Molln. Three Turks burned alive in inferno caused by petrol bomb hurled into their home by supporters of the nazi Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands.

6 December*. Jänischwalde. A Croatian worker is killed in a racist arson attack on his family home.

15 December*. Siegen. Bruno Kappi, 57 who is almost blind and mentally handicapped, is kicked to death by nazi boneheads.

17 December*. Berlin. A 35-year-old Egyptian is shot to death in a racist attack.

1993

18 January. Arnstadt. Fascists attack a 46-year-old German, beat him senseless and dump his body at a busy crossroads where two heavy lorries run him over.

23 January. Schlunheim. A Punk is murdered by a right-wing heavy-metal fan.

23 January. Arnstadt. Two homeless Germans burned to death in arson attack.

3 February. Suhl. Olaf Heydenbluth, a young anti-nazi, wounded and hanged in his flat.

22 February. Fürstenwalde/Hangelsberg. A refugee from Zaïre is found on a railway track. Indications are that he was hurled out of a moving train.

26 February. Moyerswerda. Mike Kerna, an anti-fascist rock group van driver, is crushed to death when fascists overturn vehicle on him.

10 March. Mülheim an der Ruhr. A member of the nazi Republikaner Partei, Mustafa Demirel, a 56-year-old Turkish pensioner, is the ground and threatens to shoot him point-blank with a gas pistol. He dies of a heart attack.

25 April. Obhausen. A young man, Matthias Lüders, is beaten to death in an attack on a discotheque by 50 armed nazis led by Thomas Hanke, the local nazi leader in Halle.

8 May. Schwerin. A 23-year-old Russian soldier is stabbed in the open street.

20 May. Coburg. Firebomb attack on mixed German Turkish home kills a German. News of the murder withheld for over a week as a meeting of the right-wing nationalist Coburg Convent was taking place in the city.

21 May. Göttingen. A 20-year-old Bundeswehr conscript is beaten by boneheads with baseball bats and dies at home from severe head injuries.

26 May. Heppenheim. Three Entseem children burnt alive in arson attack.

29 May. Solingen. Five Turkish women immolated in firebomb attack by neo-nazis.

10 June. Dresden. A Mozambican is burnt to death in an arson attack on a hostel for foreign workers.

17 June. Dülmen. A Kurdish man is shot dead by two nazis at a refugee hostel.

19 June. Berlin-Kreuzberg. A 29-year-old German woman and her two-year-old son murdered in a fascist arson attack.

One nazi killing not in this list - because it involved old nazis not neo-nazis - was the murder, in an old folk's home in Wülfrath on 21 November 1992, of Alfred Salomon, a Jewish concentration camp survivor aged 92. Mr Salomon was beaten to death by Alfred Krohn, a former nazi labour camp commandant aged 86.

PROTEST

NAZI-STATE TERROR IN GERMANY

NOV. 9

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

ANNIVERSARY OF KRISTALLNACHT

AGAINST RACISM AND FASCISM

Join anti-racists to remember the night of terror against the Jews and to protest today's neo-nazi violence against people of colour, disabled people, homeless people, gays & lesbians and anti-fascists in Germany, perpetuated and condoned by the German government.



5:30 p.m. Meet at Taddlecreek Park,
Bedford Rd. just N. of Bloor
March to German Consulate,
14 Admiral Road

Jewish people have long commemorated Kristallnacht, "the night of broken glass" on November 9, 1938. Characterized by the Nazis as "spontaneous" acts of retaliation for the murder of a German official by a Polish-Jewish student, the Kristallnacht pogroms were in fact co-ordinated by high-ranking members of the government and were a major escalation of the persecution of all Nazi targets, including Roma and Sinti (Gypsy) people, lesbians and gays, disabled people, trade unionists and leftists.



ENDORSED BY: Anti-Racism Response Network, Black Action Defence Committee, Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice, Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League, Jewish Women's Committee to End the Occupation, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, South African Support & Information Centre, York Federation of Students

ANTI-RACIST ACTION

INFOLINE (416) 631-8835

German leaders plead for calm

Toronto Star 93-11-10

BONN (AP-Staff) — On a grey Tuesday loaded with memories both harsh and hopeful, German leaders implored a struggling nation not to allow rising nationalism and anti-foreigner violence to weaken democracy.

Marking the fourth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the 55th year since Kristallnacht (Crystal Night), which launched the Nazi pogrom against the Jews, Germans were urged not to blame others for their economic troubles.

Metro march

In Toronto, about 75 people marched on the German embassy to protest neo-Nazi violence.

The protesters were members of the Anti-Racist Action (ARA), the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League and the Black Action Defence League.

"Nazis and fascists are active in Germany and other parts of the world — we must continue to fight them everywhere," ARA spokesman Barry Smart said.

On Chrystal Night, more than 90 Jews were killed and 20,000 were arrested on the evening named for the litter of shattered glass from synagogue windows and Jewish-owned shops.

Hatred

"Democracy isn't a fair-weather way of life," said parliament speaker Rita Suessmuth.

The ghosts of the Nazi era began menacing the new German state soon after its 1990 creation. Fuelled by a mixture of hatred and booze, German rightists have committed more than 4,800 attacks, injuring 1,800 people and killing 26.

Front told to shut Ottawa hotline

Toronto Star 93-10-18

OTTAWA (CP) — A racist hotline must be disconnected by today or its operators will be charged with contempt of court, the Canadian Human Rights Commission says.

The Heritage Front's Ottawa line is subject to an Oct. 8 Federal Court order, said William Pentney, the commission's general counsel.

The order banned the Front, a Toronto-based neo-Nazi group, from producing recorded messages expressing "racial, social or political" views until a tribunal rules if the group has been spreading hatred.

Operators of the hotline say they will obey the order, the Ottawa Citizen reports.

Spokesperson Mark Larson said it instead will tell callers the group has been forbidden to continue its activities.

FIGHTING RACISM IS NOT A CRIME!

Support the ARA 4

On Friday, June 11th Anti-Racist Action organized a march to a centre of neo-nazi organizing in Toronto. Three hundred people went to the home of neo-nazi propagandist Gary Schipper at 97 Bertmount Avenue, the location from which Schipper coordinated the racist and homophobic Heritage Front Hotline, unbeknownst to the surrounding neighbourhood.

The action was called by ARA in response to the escalating wave of neo-nazi violence in the city, which has included violent attacks on individuals, anti-racists, and the firebombing of a group home for young women. While protesting outside the house, some demonstrators chose to express their anger by throwing eggs and paint and breaking some windows. The property damage was a disciplined and controlled demonstration of community outrage to fascist violence. No other homes nor cars were damaged and the demonstration left the neighbourhood in an orderly and peaceful manner. No arrests were made.

Since that demonstration, 4 anti-racists have been arrested on charges of mischief to property and disguising with the intention of committing an indictable offense. *The case of the ARA 4 is one which threatens to set the dangerous precedent of criminalizing the anti-fascist movement. If not defeated, this case will embolden the police and the government broaden their attacks on anti-racists and other activists.*

The arrests of the 4 did not occur on the site of the demonstration but happened arbitrarily over the ensuing two weeks. One woman was arrested at a local radio station after representing ARA on a call-in show. Two others were picked-up while attending a subsequent anti-racist demonstration. Despite being arrested on different dates and in different parts of the city, all four were picked up by the same two undercover officers, indicating a coordinated police effort to identify and target anti-racists.

The arbitrary nature of the arrests are clearly an attempt to intimidate all participants of the June 11th demonstration, and to particularly target activists who speak publicly in support of ARA or who continue to be active anti-racists in the face of police and neo-nazi intimidation tactics.

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The bail conditions imposed on the 4 are clearly politically motivated and intended to curtail their anti-racist activism.

The conditions include:

- **NON-ASSOCIATION** with other members of ARA.
- **BARRED** from attending ARA or other anti-racist meetings.
- **BARRED** from attending any demonstration in the entire province of Ontario.
- **CURFEW** at 9:00pm (? - It was not a night time demo).

These conditions are more restrictive than those given to Heritage Front and Church of the Creator members charged with aggravated assault, forcible confinement and weapons offenses!

We must stand together with the 4 against police attempts to intimidate and harass us all. We must not allow the police to criminalize militant responses to neo-nazi attacks, nor those who would speak in support of those actions.

We have all witnessed the regular video and photographic surveillance of anti-racist demonstrations done by the neo-nazis in order to identify activists. We know that the fascists have been waging an escalating campaign of harassment, intimidation and violence against ARA members and other Toronto activists and communities. Given this reality, *anti-racists have the right to mask themselves at demonstrations*. We will not allow the police to criminalize our own self-defence.

FIGHTING RACISM IS NOT A CRIME!

SUPPORT THE ARA 4 - How you can help...

- *Copy this leaflet and distribute to friends and comrades.*
- *Encourage your organizations to Support the 4.*
- *Show your support in court.*
- *For more information call 363-7541*



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U.S. /CANADA SPEAKING TOUR

ANARCHISM AND THE BLACK REVOLUTION

A TALK BY

LORENZO KOMBOA ERVIN

To promote the revised 2nd Edition of his pamphlet, *Anarchism and the Black Revolution*.

Lorenzo Komboa Ervin is a former member of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Black Panther Party. He served 15 years in prison as a result of his activism. He is currently active in Chattanooga, Tennessee fighting police brutality, the Ku Klux Klan, and Chattanooga's white power structure.

Time - 7:30 p.m.

Date - November 22nd

Place - South African Centre

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Toronto took to the streets to make a stand against racism and fascism. The resurgence of neo-nazi organizing and terror campaigns in Europe had provided a loud and clear warning to anti-racists in Toronto that white-supremacist and neo-nazi organizing here could not go unchallenged. And so, when the Toronto-based neo-nazi Heritage Front took to the streets in September of '92, to intimidate the Human Rights Commission's hearings on the operation of their telephone hotline, we were there to send them running. The organizing effort had been a 40-hour word-of-mouth effort launched by youth who refused to let fascists march unopposed. One hundred to one hundred and fifty people turned out, almost tripling the number of fascists who when confronted by the unexpected anti-racist presence, fled through the bushes and into the courthouse. By shattering the intimidating image the fascist march was intended to convey, this opposition was a victory for anti-fascists and marked the beginning of street-level opposition to Toronto's new fascist movement. *Anti Racist Action* was born.

Over one year later, the Human Rights Commission hearings have been postponed indefinitely without any show of results. Due to community pressure, criminal courts have been forced to step in and serve a temporary injunction limiting what can be spewed on the hotline.

1 YEAR ON ...

Together, Toronto's anti-racist community has fought to deny any space for the fascists to grow and to destroy the climate of intimidation and fear neo-nazis have tried to foster in targetted communities. In the schools, ARA has been there speaking in classrooms, workshops, forums and rallies, driving the nazis out and organizing with a diversity of student and com-

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munity groups. We organised in the West-end against neo-nazi teacher, Paul Fromm who has been a highschool teacher and far-right leader for nearly two decades! In the East-end we organized at Riverdale. ARA has wasted no time waiting for the state to provide solutions. While the court process crawls along, the Nazis have continued to organize on the streets and in the schools, carrying out propaganda campaigns, bomb threats, harassment, assaults, attempted murders, weapons

training and arson attacks. But, on the streets we've exposed, opposed and confronted them by shutting down their meetings, confronting their marches, destroying their public face, curtailing their recruitment and placing them on the defensive. We will continue to take the fight to them. These fascists cannot march on our streets without resistance from the community and as long as far-right activity exists, on any level, ARA will remain ON THE PROWL.

TORPEDO SHOWBOAT!!

The novel by Edna Ferber was not about the empowerment of African Americans. It was written in an era when the Ku Klux Klan continued to fulfill the terror of its mandate: to rape and murder Black women; to castrate and lynch Black men! This era also witnessed the rise of nazism as it prepared to colonize Europe, as europeans colonize(d) Africa and the Carribean. Edna Ferber, using white-supremacist imagery similar to that of such anti-Black period films such as 'Birth of a Nation', described African Americans as savages and idiots. Showboat, a musical produc-

tion based on the racist novel, opened the new and publicly-funded North York Centre for the Performing Arts.

Highschool students will not be used to legitimize this racist play. Drabinsky (producer and president of Livent) has pressured the school-boards of Metro to send a quarter of a million students to what he calls a "black history lesson." On October 24, the ARA Highschool Crew occupied and demanded the Toronto School Board make a decision to refuse to send students to this mockery of history. We will be back!

A SMALL FISH

Heritage Front lackey, Elise Hategan appears in court again on November 24 facing charges of creating and distributing hate literature stemming from a flyer she produced which targetted a black woman who had worked with ARA during the time of its appearance. The flyer consisted of a photo of a Black person next to that of a baboon, complete with the woman's name and home phone number and the contact name of a fictitious group.

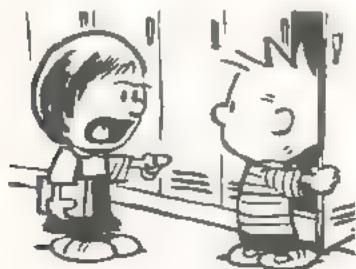
This is an important case for the HF as it is the first of its nature in Toronto since that of neo-nazi publisher and holocaust-denier, Ernst Zundel. Elise is a small fish in the sea in comparison to the flood of white-supremacist hate literature which Zundel ships in staggering quantities to fuel fascist movements in Europe. Zundel, who operates from his fortified home here in Toronto, provides the concrete ideas which have led in part to attacks on refugee centers in Germany. Hate laws have banned such material from being printed there so they obtain it from Zundel. Let's take the fight to the big fish!

OVER & OUT...

The Ottawa branch of the Heritage Front has been instructed to shut down their racist hotline as of October 8th. The line, run by Mark Larson, must be disconnected in the face of charges of contempt of court. Over and out nazi scum!

BAD NAZI, NO DONUT.

Neo-Nazis, Leslie Jasinski and Ken Barker (HF organizer in Oshawa and coordinator of Equal Rights for Whites hate(r)n) have been charged in the Sept.27 stickup of an Oshawa doughnut shop. This incident led police to Heritage Front member, Phillip Grech in connection with his role in robbing an Oshawa bank in a clown mask. Found in the home of the accused was a partially-constructed explosive device.



A Climate of Fear

The past few months have seen a marked increase in the number of violent attacks on people of colour in Metro Toronto, particularly experienced by this city's Tamil community.

Throughout a two-week period during the month of June, one Tamil was murdered and two others critically injured. One of the victims was beaten into a temporary coma and partially paralyzed by a neo-nazi who attended a fascist concert

sponsored by the Heritage Front, featuring RAHOWA (Racial Holy War) The Heritage Front, a white-supremacist group which has been primarily active in Toronto, recruiting and organizing disenfranchised white youth.

With a strong anti-immigration platform, the HF envisions the 'forced removal' of racial, ethnic, sexual and religious minorities towards a 'pure' all-white society. Historically, the far-right in Canada has used the issue of immigration as an avenue to reach mainstream politics, as well as taking issues one step further in fuelling the fires of hatred against people of colour. As economic restructuring and welfare cuts drive the poor and working classes into absolute despair, immigrants suffer the frustrations of an authoritarian and xenophobic backlash. This climate of fear is utilized by the far-right, but it is the inherent racism visible in the political justice system itself which perpetuates this climate.

The Relationship of the Right and the State

The far right is making use of this climate of fear on two fronts. They are recruiting and increasing their membership while at the same time, pushing their violent attacks against identifiable minorities on a street level, far enough to test their limits. The politicians are caving in to these demands and use them to justify restrictive border controls. Groups like the HF work along parallel lines in developing a common culture which defines all third world people as immi-

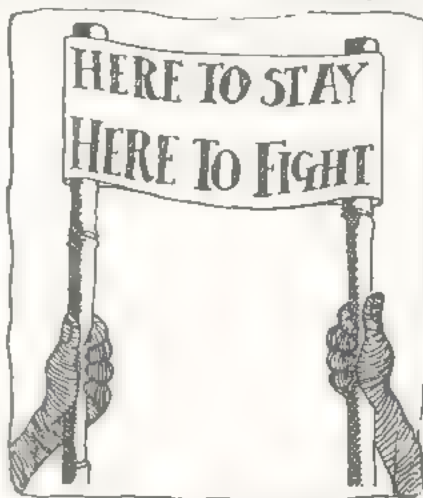
grants and refugees, and all immigrants and refugees as criminals and terrorists. For the electoral benefit of politicians, the portrayal of refugees as a mass of undesirables has been detrimental to mainstream Western/European politics and successfully diverts attention from the actual causes of mass-migration. The initial displacement of millions of people all over the world has been caused in significant part by the ever-increasing domination of transnational

corporations of the economies of third world countries. This provides the wealthy continents with populations available for recruitment as cheap labour, where they face further marginalization in a society that excludes minorities from many societal processes. The factors of criminalization, poor housing, low-income jobs or unemployment, racist educational and justice systems contribute to the

overwhelming numbers of minorities in our prisons. Maintaining the portrayal of refugees and immigrants as 'economic parasites', lays the groundwork for racist attacks on their communities in these times of economic strife. Ironically enough, it is Western society in its xenophobic policies against the all-too-easy-prey of welfare recipients and foreigners, that is parasitical. The ingrained racist conditioning of society is what the ruling powers are actively trying to maintain and thereby protect economic superiority which stands at the root of the problem to begin with. In the present political climate, the right-wing attacks on foreigners serve the state by fuelling media hype and hysteria around the refugee issue.

The New Europe

Within the borders of rich, predominantly christian, white nations of the European Community, politicians are scrapping the policy of refuge, blaming the influx of new arrivals for fuelling neo-nazi violence and draining social welfare coffers. Since the onset of this coordinated E.C. assault on illegal immigration, the fires have been fanned as neo-nazi murders and attacks have been on the



upsurge. Immigration clampdowns are tacit government support for the racist premise that foreigners bring nothing but misery. Europe's Asylum policies are seen not as issues of human rights, but as a matter of national security and strict control of the movements and activities of 'second-class' citizens. The framework for a system of regulation has been in the building stage for quite some time to establish a controlled fortress Europe.

On the Homefront

As Europe slams its doors shut on immigration, North America follows suit within the world economy of redesigned borders and territories. Under Canada's present Act, the issues of immigration are in the hands of police agencies that deal with criminal enforcement specifically. The Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) recently issued a proposal to cut immigration numbers from 250,000 to 150,000. Detrimental life and death issues of refugees and immigrants are controlled by an agency which has no valid background and no apparent interest in minority affairs; an administration that prosecutes in the category of 'drug-dealers, gun-runners and terrorists'.

Strategies

In order for the North American anti-fascist movement to be successful, it is important for anti-racist initiatives and strategies to remain active on two fronts. Firstly, the fascists must be confronted physically on a street level to prevent their cancerous growth within the community. Secondly, the fight must simultaneously be directed against the internal controls of the state, which is in itself inherently racist and repressive in its policies and treatment of minority issues. When the presence of neo-nazi activity is eventually eliminated on a street level, anti-racist activists must not cease their activity. This has traditionally been the mistake of the anti-racist initiative, for while the state-sponsored conditions remain intact, there will always be fertile ground for further fascist growth. While organizing the community against the threat of far-right activity, concrete support must be extended to working alongside refugees and people of colour, using means which fit the conditions under which they live.

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International News



GERMAN NEO-NAZIS RUN DIAL-A-DEMO SERVICE

Neo-Nazis in Germany run a telephone information service informing skinheads on where to go for upcoming anti-foreigner riots and refugee center attacks. Neo-Nazis phone certain numbers to hear pre-recorded propaganda messages or calls for violence against foreigners, but the texts are carefully worded as to avoid legal consequences. This national information telephone system is the central calendar for the fascists, which by count of Security officials, number about 6,400. Officials refuse to admit that fascist groups are organized on a national level but statistics show that over 25 people have died in right-wing extremist violence in the last 18 months (condensed from: Reuter-93/06/26)

NEO-NAZIS ATTACK INFOCENTRE

Combat 18 is an underground British neo-Nazi group which was founded in 1992 to take 'action' against their perceived Jewish/Left enemies. C18, of which the '1' and '8' correspond with the letters A and H (standing for Adolf Hitler), represent the paramilitary wing of the British National Party (BNP). On March 27 of this year, masked C18 nazis destroyed computer and phone equipment at Freedom Press, a left/anarchist bookshop in London. On June 3, the premises of the Freedom bookshop and press was attacked again, as arsonists burned out the bottom floor, destroying the printshop. C18 is also suspected in a recent attempt to burn down the 121 center in Brixton. (source: Contra Flow)

U.S. BONEHEADS TOILED!

In Los Angeles, authorities arrested 8 racist skinheads who had been plotting to blow up a Black church and assassinate Black and Jewish leaders in an attempt to incite a 'Racial Holy War'. Their 'hitlist' included Louis Farrakan, Chuck D of Public Enemy, Rodney King, and others. The boneheads charged had ties to the white-supremacist organizations of White Aryan Resistance (WAR), Forth Reich Skinheads, and the Church Of The Creator (COTC), a U.S.-based white-supremacist paramilitary group which is also active in the Toronto area.

Stop Criminalizing Anti-Racists

In the aftermath of the ARA-organized demonstration at the nerve-center of the racist Heritage Front Hotline on June 11, four young anti-racist activists have been arrested and charged with so-called criminal offences. The main elements of the charges are mischief to property and disguising with intention of committing an indictable offense. The cops and the Attorney General can hardly get it together to lay charges on the hate-mongers who run the hotline, but with the help of neo-nazis who produced a videotape of anti-racists at the demo, they ran a coordinated undercover campaign to arrest four youths who remained active within the anti-racist movement after the demo. One was busted after representing ARA on a radio talk show and two others were picked up at a mass demonstration protesting recent racist attacks in Toronto. Charges of 'disguise with the intent to commit an indictable offence' have been dropped but the ARA 4 are still facing charges of mischief. FIGHTING RACISM IS NOT A CRIME!

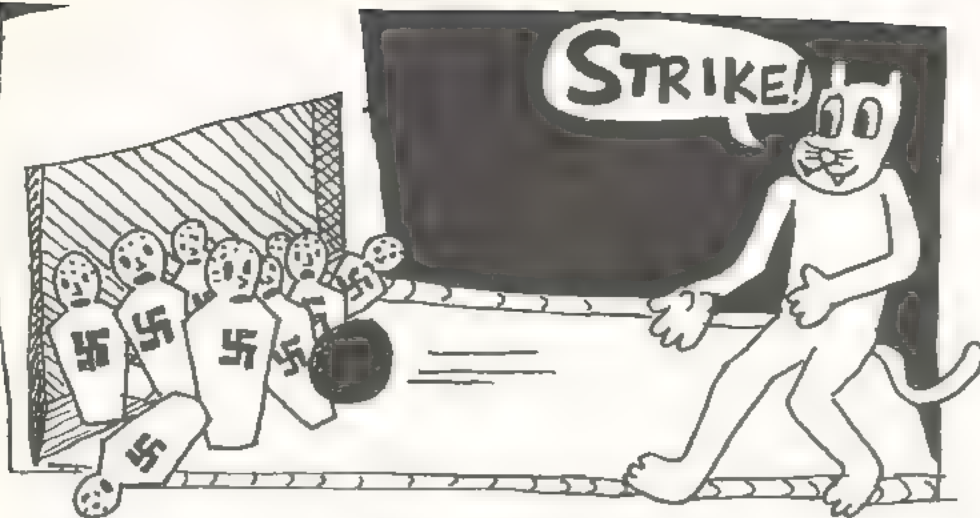


OBITUARIES

FOLLOW YOUR LEADER. Infamous Church Of The Creator founder and author of the pathetic 'White Man's Bible', Ben Klassen did himself in. He awoke one morning gazed in the mirror and that was it. Good riddance.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST

Ian Stewart, the prominent youth organizer of Britain's fascist movement and vocalist for the white-power rock group Skrewdriver, as well as another nazi scumbag from the group, finally lived up to the name of his crappy band and died in a drunk-driving accident. Rest In Pieces. (source: NN#145)



Frightening Parallels

Britain has felt the recent upsurge of far-right activity in a situation that mirrors the beginnings of what we're facing here in our fight against the fascists. Quaddus Ali, a 17 year old Asian student was attacked by 8 racists in East London and put into a coma. In another case amidst a rising tide of attacks, a Bangladeshi youth may never recover from injuries suffered at the hands of racists. Last month, the British National Party (U.K.'s biggest neo-Nazi party) won its first council seat in the London borough of Tower Hamlets, claiming a major victory for the far-right in Britain. This came as a shock to community, leftist, and anti-racist groups who underestimated the threat of the BNP prior to their electoral success. Community resistance continued to build up to Oct 16th's biggest anti-racist demo in twenty years, a 30,000-strong march consisting of various contingents such as Anti-Fascist Action, Anti-Nazi League, and Panther UK, demanding the closure of the

BNP headquarters/bookshop in Southeast London. The basic right of self-defence against fascists was taken away by vicious attacks from the police, who blocked off the route, protected the BNP and criminalized the anti-racist protesters. We must learn from the experiences of Germany and Britain and never underestimate far-right growth in our communities.

JUST SAY 'NON MERCI'

On Oct 2, ARA marched with anti-racist groups on the site of a planned fascist conference held in Montreal. Three key members of the Front Nationale (a fascist electoral party from France) came to confer with Montreal fascists in order to build on groundwork for further fascist growth in Canada. The massive anti-racist presence succeeded in disrupting their meeting. Reports of the fascist summit in Montreal were received in Britain and made for a major issue in the American press but in Canada we have witnessed a virtual media whiteout on the entire event.

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LETTER OF THE MONTH...

"..Thanks for your latest update on activities in the Toronto area (...) One of the prisoners here whose politics fall to the right of the Right maintains contact with people up that way. He insists that ARA actions have led to productive recruitment drives by the HF, et al. I doubt it. People don't gravitate to fascism because some brownshirts leave some brown stains in their pants. What the ARA is dealing with, the way it's dealing with it, and the criticism from other 'progressives' is reminiscent of the heady days of the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee in the early 80's. Today in the U.S., fascist/racist activities are wide spread. Much of it doesn't come under a formal neo-Nazi/klan type grouping, but it's there and just as violent. Of course there are areas that are very un hospitable to nazis (...) I presume that's part of what you're doing in Toronto-maintaining it as a Nazi-free zone. Better load up on baseball bats .."

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TORONTO'S NEO-NAZIS:

The Boys in the Hoods

The growth of the far right in Toronto is not an new phenomenon. The Heritage Front is not the first Toronto-based fascist group but the most recent example of a movement which dates back to the 1930s: when the Canadian Nazi Party ran candidates in Toronto; when the Balmy Beach Club in the east end was renamed the Swastika Club; when nazi thugs attacked Jewish youth at Christie Pits Park, youth who defended themselves and their community by physically trouncing the nazi mob. Even the nazis of the 1930s cannot be isolated from the history of racism in Canada - from the genocidal policies used against the First Nations to the history of violent racism directed against the African and Asian communities.

This ongoing legacy of racism provides the fertile grounds for the growth of groups like the Heritage Front and Church of the Creator today. It's the historical context of racism which makes some white people vulnerable to recruitment by these hateful organizations, and the strong links between groups in Canada, the U.S., Europe and South Africa make the white supremacist movement dangerous to us all.

It is often tempting to ignore neo-nazi organizing and violence. It is sometimes easier to see them as misfits or isolated extremists rather than face the larger problems of widespread racism, homophobia and anti-Semitism in society. But the first step to confronting hate violence is understanding how racism and prejudice has played a crucial role in the history of Canada, and how the struggles against it - from the time of Columbus to today - must inform and shape both our anti-racist analysis and activism.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

Many of us here in Ontario see neo-nazi, Ku Klux Klan and other far right organizing as something that happens in Alberta, Saskatchewan or Quebec - yet southwestern Ontario is the most active area of organized white supremacy in Canada. Our region is perhaps the organizational centre for the Canadian far right.

The leadership of the local neo-nazi movement is very experienced, many of them having worked with Toronto racist organizations since the 1970s and 1980s. Some have travelled internationally to meet and work with their European and U.S. counterparts. Many have done prison time for "the cause".

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Gary Schipper (L)
Wolfgang Droege (R)

The main public figure in Toronto is Wolfgang Droege. Droege has been active in the Canadian far right since the 1970s when he worked in both the Toronto based Western Guard and later with the Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, where he rose to become the number two man in the national organization. Droege is a friend and "racial comrade" of both David Duke, the former KKK leader turned racist politician and U.S. Presidential candidate, and Tom Metzger, leader of the violent California-based White Aryan Resistance (WAR).

The Heritage Front was founded in 1988 when Droege and other white supremacists left the racist Nationalist Party of Canada. The Front bases itself on the National Association for the Advancement of White People, the organization formed by David Duke after leaving the Klan. The NAAWP presented itself not as a white supremacist organization but as a "white separatist" group concerned with "equal rights for whites".

"Equal rights for whites" has become a popular slogan used by the right to justify attacks on the traditional targets of white supremacy. Under this banner, groups such as the Heritage Front denounce women's rights, non-white immigration, lesbian & gay rights, Native land rights and educational curriculum which stresses anti-racism or tells the history of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust - all of which in their minds adds up to a conspiracy to destroy the white race. Like the NAAWP, the Front hides the blatantly racist and anti-Semitic rhetoric of the past behind rants against immigration laws, crime, lesbian & gay rights, affirmative action, perceived attacks on (their) free speech, anti-racists, etc. in hopes of appealing to existing prejudices in white Canadian society.

The Heritage Front runs a telephone hotline which is used to broadcast verbal attacks against the communities which don't fit into their world vision - communities which in reality represent just about all of us. They also publish a monthly magazine called Upfront which carries articles by both Front members and fascist organizations in the U.S. and Europe. (It even boasts a regular column by David Duke!) The Front holds several secret rallies a year often featuring prominent KKK and neo-nazi leaders and Holocaust deniers from the U.S. and Europe. (The meetings are not advertised for fear of a massive anti-racist response, such as that organized by ARA in November 1992 which shut down a HF gathering!)

Despite their claims of merely seeking "free speech" and "open debate", the Heritage Front has time and time again revealed its true violent nature. In June 1993, three Front members, including Droege and his henchman Pete Mitrevski, were arrested on assault and weapons charges following an attempted assault of anti-racists. The other Front member arrested, Chris Newhook, has already been convicted and is now serving a 12 month sentence. Another Front diehard, Elisse Hategan, is facing charges of distributing hate material targeting the Black community.

Droege himself has already done prison time in the U.S. for his racist activities, including three years for his part in an attempted neo-nazi armed invasion of the island of Dominica, which was intended to establish a base for the international fascist movement.

One of Droege's responsibilities after the invasion was to have been running a cocaine processing plant.

The flip side to the Heritage Front's "soft" image is the Church of the Creator (COTC), perhaps the most violent neo-nazi organization in North America. The COTC has chapters in the U.S., Canada, Europe and South Africa and is known for paramilitary training and using violent attacks as part of its efforts to make the earth a "whites-only" planet.

The "church" part of the organization is based upon the teachings of the millionaire racist and one time Ontario-resident, Ben Klassen (who took the Hitler-thing full circle in August 1993 by committing suicide). Klassen wrote the "White Man's Bible" which serves as the ideological/"spiritual" basis for COTC. It provides a "religious" excuse for their violence and hatred by teaching that white people alone are made in the image of god and that all other races (or "mud races" as they call them) are inferior.

The Toronto COTC is the organization's main representative in Canada and among the most important chapters internationally. COTC people from the Toronto/Hamilton area

have played major roles in the international leadership and the most popular COTC rock band, RaHoWa (short for Racial Holy War), is based here. RaHoWa and other COTC bands are crucial in fundraising for their violent racist activities and in recruiting young people and skinheads as stormtroopers. The concerts pump up the bonehead fans with violent hatred and "siege heils", often resulting in assaults on the public after the shows let out. In June 1993, Heritage Front skinhead Jason Hoolans brutally assaulted a Tamil man after a RaHoWa gig, leaving the man partially paralysed.

Local COTC boss and RaHoWa "singer" George Burdi (aka Rev. Eric Hawthorne) recently helped found a Detroit-based record label called Resistance Records to make and distribute neo-nazi recordings across North America and Europe. The label's first release is a RaHoWa cd entitled "Declaration of War" (as if we didn't get the idea...).

The Toronto COTC also boasts a Security Legion (or "White Berets"), a group of skinheads who train in martial arts and weapons and provide security for many neo-nazi events in the city. Toronto media recently identified Eric Fischer, a former sergeant in the Canadian Airborne Regiment, as the leader and trainer of the Security Legion. Eric, along with his brother and fellow Security Legions member, Elkar (another Airborne veteran), were arrested during the summer of 1993 with a third COTC bonehead for kidnapping a Heritage Front member, assaulting him, and threatening to kill him by injecting him with window cleaner (and to think they treat their own this way.) Another Security Legions member, Richard Manley, was recently sentenced to nine months in prison for illegal possession of weapons and ammunition. (He's another Airborne veteran... coincidence???)

THE LINKS

The fact that the HF and COTC use different methods does not reflect a split but an attempt to build a broad racist front attracting all manner of potential recruits, from older bigots to younger militants. Not only do Burdi and Droege associate openly, but Burdi is



George Burdi



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often a prominent figure at Heritage Front rallies, where he either speaks or performs with his band. In April 1993, Burdi appeared with Droege at an Ottawa press conference announcing the launch of the Heritage Front's Ottawa chapter. It's apparent that Burdi (who was arrested for the May 1993 assault of an Ottawa anti-racist) is effectively the number two man in the HF.

The Heritage Front also acts as a front for the movement. As a public organization, unlike the secretive COTC, the Heritage Front is a contact point for newly initiated racists and fascists who can later be directed towards more violent groups.

The primary recruiting ground for both these organizations is young white people. It is from these ranks that the fascists, as they have done in Europe, hope to draw their stormtroopers.

If we are to learn anything from history, it is that fascism is not a movement to be ignored as irrele-

vant. Recent experiences in Germany, where organized gangs of neo-nazis regularly carry out vicious attacks - including arson and murder - against immigrants and refugees, Jews and anti-racists has demonstrated the violent agenda and goals of their movement. The German government's move to punish the victims of these attacks by tightening immigration and refugee laws(1) rather than go after racist thugs shows the powerful effects of institutionalized racism in western society, and the limits of looking to government and police for solutions to the problem.

Unlike Germany, the Canadian far right has neither the numbers nor power to influence government policy, but neither did the German far right five years ago. If we choose to ignore the growth of neo-nazism in this country - and choose not to challenge the everyday racism, sexism, homophobia, and anti-Semitism which we encounter in our own lives - then we allow the grounds to remain fertile, and racist movements will continue to grow accordingly.

If we choose to act against racism and prejudice - in our schools, in our families, among our friends, and on the streets - then we can begin to pull up the weeds before they spread...



NAZIS AND CANADIAN BIG BUSINESS

A recently released RCMP document from the 1950s revealed that the International Nickel Corporation Ltd. (better known as INCO) imported former members of the Nazi SS and Hungarian anti-communists, many of whom were likely fascists, into Canada to act as unionbusters.

The Nazis would have been brought to Sudbury to fight against the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, which at that time was a Communist-controlled union. According to the RCMP document, they carried out violent attacks against workers and initiated a 1961 riot outside the Mine-Mill's union hall. According to eyewitnesses, police stood by and let anti-Communist rioters have free rein.

So how surprised should we be that Canada, a Western-style democracy, would use and give refuge to Nazis? Not very. During the postwar period many Western "democracies" saw fit to use fascists, including wanted war criminals, to carry out covert (i.e. illegal) anti-communist assignments. At times this relationship proved to be embarrassing, as in 1952 when it was revealed that the US Army Counterintelligence Corps (CIC) and the fledgling Central Intelligence Agency had been training members of the League of Young Germans (Bund Deutscher Jungen, or BDJ) in guerrilla warfare, the idea being that they were to form a backbone of anti-communist resistance in case of a Soviet invasion. According to a subsequent investigation by the West German government, the BDJ was a far right group, many of whose members were veterans of the Waffen SS and enthusiastic "Jew baiters" in the Goebbels ministry during the Third Reich. While on the US payroll, the BDJ members had apparently infiltrated the Social Democratic Party and were shadowing party leaders in order to assassinate them in case of civil emergency. The Social Democrats, who were an utterly loyal opposition at that time, were to be bumped off because they were not "hardline" enough. Similar scandals have occurred over the past forty five years throughout the "free West" - so much so that hardly a single "democracy" has clean hands.

Given this State sponsorship of fascist activity, it is no surprise that prosecution of Nazi war criminals living in Canada has been a long time in coming. In fact, in 1962 the RCMP adopted an official policy to NOT investigate reports of war criminals in Canada, and although the federal government had copies of a 40 000-name United Nations list of war crimes suspects, it refused to pass these lists on to immigration officials (who at the same time were turning back Third World immigrants under Canada's policy of favouring white immigrants of British lineage). According to the Rodal Report (presented to the Deschenes Commission investigation of war criminals) it was easier for Nazis to enter Canada than it was for Jews waiting in Displaced Persons camps in the postwar years, due to rampant anti-Semitism amongst those RCMP officers responsible for interrogating Jewish immigrants.

Contrast this to the fact that as early as 1950 the parliament decided to allow 600 members of the 14th Waffen SS Division "Galicia" who had been interned in England since the end of the war to immigrate to Canada. Although many had probably been soldiers overwhelmed by events beyond their control, some were Nazis who had participated in anti-Jewish actions, some members of the Galicia division even having served as concentration camp guards. Although they were wanted for prosecution for war crimes by the Soviet Union, they had managed to escape to England in 1946 thanks to the efforts of the Intermarium (an extreme right, staunchly anti-communist Roman Catholic organisation which was instrumental in developing escape routes for many Nazis after the war) and the personal intercession of Pope Pius XII.

Even as of 1993, there have been only 3 Canadian prosecutions of war criminals, and only forty are under current investigation, despite the fact that RCMP documents have revealed that there are over 300 suspected war criminals who live in Canada, and that it has been acknowledged that the US Army ran some of its escape lines for Nazi fugitives into Canada¹. Reluctance to prosecute is symptomatic of the symbiotic relationship the government had with Nazis during the cold war, and also of the strong Ukrainian lobby which has legitimate fears of its community being scapegoated for the crimes and indifference of others. However, this lobby also has links to various far right organisations (such as the Nazi-dominated Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations), and one questions to what degree its leadership tears unfair scapegoating, and to what degree they fear unwelcome revelations about their members' activities back in Europe.

Of course, Canada's use of fascists to suppress dissent by the was not limited to war criminals of the Third Reich. It took many forms, some of which have become public knowledge but most of which, unfortunately, have yet to be revealed.

Another example of the use of fascists as unionbusters is that of William Lou Richardson and Centurion Investigations Limited. During the early 70s, Centurion was commissioned by Douglas Aircraft of Canada Ltd.

¹Rodal Report.

(now McDonnell Douglas of Canada Ltd.) to terrorize and frame radical workers in the Mississauga, Ontario local of the United Auto Workers. Towards this end Richardson constructed two bombs which were to be planted in UAW negotiator Archibald Wilson's car - a scheme which was never followed through on. In a 1980 trial of Centurion Investigations, Richardson admitted to having made the bombs, as well as having planted a fake bomb and some stolen goods in the car of an Arab worker at Ralph Milrod Metal Products Ltd., an ITT-owned company. Also, acting as an *agent provocateur*, he planted a bomb in a trailer belonging to Sayvette Ltd. in Mississauga in 1974.

Richardson, who studied chemistry at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC, claimed to have worked on a one-year assignment for the CIA in 1968-69. He then went to work for US Army Intelligence in 1970 (army intelligence divisions tend to be holding tanks for far right agents). In early 1972 he received landed immigrant status in Canada, presumably while AbsentWithoutLeave from the US army. Shortly after he applied for and was given a job by Wackenhut of Canada Ltd. - the local division of the Wackenhut Corporation, the world's largest privately owned "security" firm, a kind of far right secret intelligence service. Founded in 1954 by George Wackenhut, a former FBI agent, Wackenhut Corporation was driven out of Belgium in the early 80s when some of its agents were revealed to be neo-nazi activists implicated in the bombing of a Synagogue they were hired to protect and the sequestering and beating of immigrant children. From Wackenhut Richardson apparently went to working on a professional basis with the RCMP until 1974, when he started work for Centurion.

As an example of how such right wing activity can flow into radical right wing activity, it should be noted that in the 1980s Richardson was a member of Alexander James McQuirter's Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, according to Stanley Barrett's excellent book *Is God A Racist?*, where he was in charge of infiltrating left wing and anti-racist groups.

Perhaps the most significant of all suspected State-sponsored fascist activities in Canada is the Edmund Burke Society. This group, founded in 1967 by Paul Fromm (later a chairman of the North American chapter of the World Anti-Communist League), Don Andrews (later to found the third-position nazi Nationalist Party of Canada) and Leigh Smith, was a direct ancestor to both the Western Guard (which in turn gave us the Nationalist Party of Canada, from whose ranks sprang today's Heritage Front) and Paul Fromm's collection of racist and authoritarian pressure groups (such as Citizens for Foreign Aid Reform, Campus Alternative, Catholics Against Terrorism, Canadian Association for Free Expression, etc.). Prior to becoming the white supremacist Western Guard in 1972, the Society was active in physical confrontations with Left wing activists and propaganda. In 1970 Andrews could remark that they had counter-demonstrated at every major left-wing demonstration in Toronto over the preceding three years. Occasionally these counterdemonstrations would turn into violent confrontations.

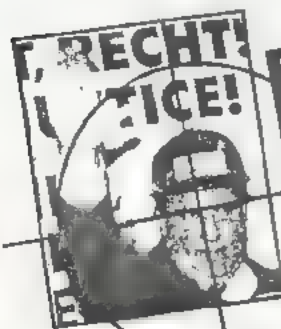
In Part One of his book, Barrett reveals that he came across a document in 1982 which indicated that the Edmund Burke Society had been "set up for Canada's security services in order to draw out the left wing and crystallize its right-wing opposition." Although the document in question included allegations which Barrett did not feel were necessarily proven to be justified, he does indicate that there is much circumstantial evidence which lends plausibility to the accusation.

These are just a few of the many instances of State-sponsored fascist activity in Canada. The use of fascist individuals and organizations by the security services of a "Western liberal democracy" is not peculiar to Canada, of course. Examples of fascists working as paid agents of big business and the state abound throughout Western Europe, North America, and of course the "Third World". Normally, when employed by more stable States, the fascists remain subservient (which is not to say completely obedient). At other times, however, they definitely take the initiative and become dominant in the relationship, such as in Greece under military dictatorship in 1967 and in Bolivia in 1980, when a Nazi terror squad known as the "Fiancés of Death" brought cocaine lord Colonel Garcia Meza to power, and Klaus Barbie, the former head of Gestapo in Lyons, France (and a wanted war criminal, and a former CIA agent²) was made Colonel in the Bolivian armed forces. In Italy, where fascists formed the backbone of the secret Gladio army, it can be said that fascist and non-fascists forced have struggled for control of the State over the past fifty years.

Hopefully, more of the links between certain sections of government and the far right will be revealed. However, it is never enough to simply reveal the enemy, we also need action to finish it off!

²see Klaus Barbie, Burcher of Lyones by Tom Bower, Corgi Canada 1985

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY...



Ernst Zundel,
guard of the
neo-Nazi
movement

NOT!

STOP ZUNDEL

For his distribution of materials denying the Holocaust, Ernst Zundel was charged in 1983 under Canada's hate laws. After a lengthy show trial and a series of appeals, the Supreme Court dismissed charges against him on Aug. 27 '92.

From his bunker at 206 Carlton, Zundel runs one of the largest neo-Nazi propaganda operations in the world including publishing, printing, radio and video. Every year Zundel funnels hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and propaganda to the neo-Nazi movement in Europe and Canada.



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supremacist Heritage
Front go to court
Wednesday morning on a
variety of charges

including distribution of hate propaganda. To
date, Nazis have used such court dates to
march. We will not let any attempt at a fascist
presence on our streets go unopposed.

While the courts go after lesser figures of the
far-right on hate propaganda charges, they
admit their inability to take on the führer of
the neo-nazi movement – **Ernst Zundel**.
From his hate-quarters at 206 Carlton St.,
Zundel operates one of the world's largest
production and distribution networks of neo-
nazi literature and propaganda videos. He
funds and fuels Nazi violence around the
world, especially Germany.

After ten years of failed court attempts we must
take up a campaign of community action to

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Wednesday Nov. 24
9AM Sharp



SHUT DOWN ZUNDEL'S HATE-QUARTERS!!

Ernst Zundel has been operating in our city unchecked for too long. His financial enterprises and information campaigns have provided the rising neo-Nazi movement with an extremely strong base with which it exerts its 'opinions and views' through terror and violence against its enemies. The lack of action on behalf of the courts has not only allowed Zundel to continue his operations, it has made him look invincible in the face of opposition. It's time for community action.

Join the campaign to shut Ernst Zundel's hate-quarters down and show him that he hasn't won the battle yet!



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JUSTICE!



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WHO IS ERNST ZUNDEL?

Most people remember Ernst Zundel from his run-ins with the courts surrounding his campaign and distribution of materials denying the Holocaust. Pamphlets such as "Did Six Million Really Die?" and the "Leuchter Report" denied the existence of the gas chambers and claimed that the deaths of Jews, Gypsies, Lesbians and Gays, disabled people, sex-trade workers and Communists, in the gas chambers was a Jewish-propagated hoax. This led to his conviction and to a sentence of 15 months in jail in 1985, but this was overturned by the Ontario Court of Appeal. He was charged in 1988 under Canada's hate laws for spreading false news about the Holocaust. After a lengthy show trial and a series of appeals, the Supreme Court dismissed



charges against him on August 27, 1992. Following this verdict, he said he would continue to spread his view that the murder of six million Jews in Nazi-camps in WWII never happened. Zundel claimed a massive victory for the white-supremacist movement and since then he has continued his hate-mongering virtually unhampered.

WHAT HE DOES...

Ernst Zundel is a key player in the growing international neo-Nazi movement. Operating from his fortified bunker at 206 Carleton, here in Toronto, Zundel runs one of the largest neo-Nazi propaganda operations in the world providing fascist movements around the globe with a steady flow of information, particularly in Germany where it is harder to obtain illegal Nazi-publications. Alongside his service 'Samisdat Publishing', Zundel also runs shortwave radio broadcasts in the U.S. and in Germany. He produces his own television show, beamed from the U.S. and available to anyone with a satellite dish in North America. He has produced upwards of 50 videos on subjects such as 'revisionist' perspectives on the WWII and the Holocaust. Zundel funnels over \$600,000 (CAN) in funds a year to Germany alone to pay for fascist information campaigns, speaking tours and to help start up budding neo-Nazi skinhead groups. Ernst Zundel has provided the fuel which has in part, led to the fire-attacks on refugee centres and countless murders of the so-called enemies of the white race. According to German authorities, the bulk of material seized in raids on Nazi-hideouts has come from Canada.

WHO HE WORKS WITH...

The fascists at home and abroad look to this self-proclaimed 'guru' of the far-right as a hero, dedicated to their cause. Zundel travelled to Germany five times in 1989 and today holds together his strong ties with the fascist movement abroad. His public relations man in Germany, Ewald Althans, an important figurehead in the movement there, receives regular financial donations from Zundel to finance his centre of operations and recruitment drives. Zundel also has strong ties with Christian Worch, a prominent neo-Nazi organizer who co-ordinated the fascist assault on the refugee centre in Rostock.



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PUTTOW



KEN FAUGHT/TORONTO STAR

UNDER WRAPS: Ernst Zundel's home was draped in plastic last night in connection with his participation of an alleged conspiracy. **POLICE OFFICER WARNS ZUNDEL** that he may soon be charged with improper use of a condom.

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Is the Enemy of my Enemy my Friend?

story and photos by: John Donoghue and Dave Tufts

Last Wednesday morning, the Anti-Racist Action (ARA) League held a march which started at City Hall. Approximately 250 people marched through the rain to 206 Carleton St., the home of Ernst Zundel, leader of the Heritage Front. The police had the unpleasant task of escorting the protesters and protecting Zundel's home.

We went expecting confrontation — we got it. The Heritage front is a group espousing racism and intolerance. Personally, we are both very much against them. We have seen the violence they can produce.

So we went off that morning in full support of the ARA. By the end of the day we found ourselves questioning their tactics. The march started with taunts to the police. Upon our arrival at Zundel's home, rocks were thrown and there were scuffles with the police resulting in the arrest of four protesters.

It is actions such as these that can bring the ARA's image down to that of the Heritage Front. The media all focused on the ARA's petty scuffling with the police, at the cost of examining the real sickness that is the Heritage Front. The actions of the ARA on that day allow Zundel to cry persecution. While the intentions of the ARA are honourable, their actions play right into Zundel's hands. The ARA come off looking like a group of hoodlums.

There is something wrong when these are the only people voicing their concerns against all that the Heritage front stands for.



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4 arrested in protest at home of neo-Nazi

BY GARY OAKES
STAFF REPORTER

At least four people were arrested yesterday when dozens of anti-racist demonstrators marched on the Carlton St. home of neo-Nazi Ernst Zundel.

Chanting, "Immigrants in, Nazis out," the demonstrators threw paint canisters and eggs at the Zundel home, which was protected by plastic sheeting.

Scores of police officers in riot gear, some carrying fire extinguishers, were on hand.

The demonstration closed

down Carlton St. around Ontario St. for about half an hour before the marchers moved off.

Some people in the crowd began pushing the police line when a senior officer warned the demonstration would be broken up if anything else was thrown at the house.

"Cops and the (Ku Klux) Klan work hand in hand," some of the demonstrators chanted along with "Die, Nazi, die."

Referring to the 6 million Jews killed by the Nazis during the Holocaust in World War II,

one speaker told the crowd: "If we don't fight it (racism), millions more will die in World War III."

A woman identifying herself as being with the Jewish Feminist Anti-Facist League led the crowd in the chant "Never again."

Plainclothes police waited until the crowd moved off before arresting and handcuffing individuals suspected of throwing things.

Zundel, wearing a headset and earphones, watched.



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DALE BRAZAO / TORONTO STAR

POLICE ACTION: Officers guard Ernst Zundel's home, protected by plastic sheeting, above left; above right, police arrest a protester.

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To: Community Groups
From: ANTI-RACIST ACTION

On Wednesday, November 24, three local nazis are in court on hate-crimes charges.

Meanwhile, only a few blocks away, Canada's most notorious nazi propagandist and financier will be continuing his work undisturbed, exporting hate literature throughout Canada and Europe. Several court cases against him have failed and now the state watches and waits -- but does nothing to stop him.

On that day, Wednesday, November 24, WE ARE CALLING FOR COMMUNITY ACTION. Please join us at 9 am at Nathan Philips Square, on the northeast corner of Queen and Bay, for an anti-fascist demonstration in two parts:

FROM THE COURTHOUSE...

We will prevent nazis from marching at the courthouse in support of their comrades-in-arms. Three times the Heritage Front has attempted to openly march through Nathan Philips Square to promote themselves and their white power garbage -- and three times anti-racists have been there to break up their Dixie-whistling show of intimidation.
No nazis in our streets!

TO CARLTON STREET. To confront a wanna-be f hrer right here in Toronto, Ernst Zundel. We will be marching to his bunker at 206 Carlton, centre of operations of Samisdat Publishers. From this hate-quarters Zundel distributes hate propaganda throughout Canada and Europe -- pamphlets like "Did Six Million Really Die?" and the bogus *Leuchter Report*, which denies the existence of the gas chambers used by nazis to murder Jews, gypsies, lesbians and gays, disabled people, sex trade workers and communists. Zundel also funnels money to the German neo-nazi movement -- hundreds of thousands every year according to German government -- to pay for speaking tours and start up new skinhead groups. The courts have shown themselves incapable of stopping Zundel -- two convictions against him have been overturned on appeal. So while ARA supports those who continue to lobby the Attorney-General to lay hate crimes charges against Zundel, we won't sit by passively while the powers-that-be deliberate and procrastinate.

While Canadian cops and courts bide their time, charging small fry like Elisse Hategan for the crime of distributing one racist leaflet, Zundel is sending tonnes of fascist propaganda to Germany with impunity! The practical consequences of leaving this hatemonger alone are daily physical attacks on people of colour, asylum-seekers, gypsies, Jews, lesbians and gays, disabled people, homeless people and anti-fascists in Germany, and a growing nazi threat here in Canada. At the very least, community action can begin to create a climate where Zundel's holocaust-denying, refugee-scapegoating, Jew-hating, queer-bashing fascist promotion of the "Aryan" race will be dismissed like the filth that it is. This demo can and should help build a longer-term broad community campaign to disrupt Zundel's work more seriously -- a major contribution to the international struggle against racism and fascism.

Please circulate this leaflet, discuss this demonstration within your group and your community, and come out on November 24! If your group or organization can endorse this action please leave a message with us at 631-8835.

ANTI-RACIST ACTION**631-8835**

We are here because once again Toronto police attacked antiracist protesters and we want to bring some sense of proportion to the events of yesterday's demonstration. Apparently an egg in the hands of an anti-fascist is a dangerous weapon. Imagine: yesterday's weapons dangerous could have been today's breakfast.

Again the police response to an anti-racist demonstration was disproportionate in terms of numbers and tactics. They tried to provoke demonstrators by posing as Nazis in the crowd, and when that ploy failed they just moved in and started grabbing and assaulting people rather randomly. There was at no time any attempt by demonstrators to push against police lines: we might be dedicated but we're not suicidal.

The charges themselves are mainly a result of police aggression. The arrests had a surreal, staged quality, carried out in Zundel's view like maybe the cops get a bonus for that. We found it interesting that Zundel's own security was absent, in contrast to June 11 when fifty-sixty boneheads were waiting for us in Allen Gardens. It was clear yesterday that arrests were going to be made no matter what happened.

When arrests are essentially used as crowd control, but there's not much to charge people with, first police go after organizers with a breach of the peace charge, simply to get them off the megaphone and out of the demonstration. That happened. Then you have the old standby 'assault police' charge. That's when the cops assault you and, in the case of at least one protester, beat you up. **We demand an end to the political use of the assault police charge - not only in our demonstrations but in others where it is politics, not criminality, that informs police tactical response.**

We also want to point out that people of colour have been disproportionately targetted by police in anti-fascist demonstrations. This is another illustration of the cultural/political makeup of the force and its white supremacist reputation which is being played out on the streets and in the courtrooms. There have been many protests, many fine studies, but nothing much has improved. It may be getting worse. One of the arresting officers' sense of humour left us pretty chilled: he joked about going up to Ernst's for bratwurst and beer after getting through with us. In any event, although yesterday's police actions are intended to discourage anti-racist protests, if the fascist threat is allowed to grow there can be no other avenue for ordinary people and targetted communities: we must take to the streets and make Nazis pay a price.

Ernst Zundel is an international Nazi figure, "a gift" is what he calls himself. He finances and distributes hate literature and other organizing materials by the ton to, among others, a growing German neo nazi movement which in the short time since reunification has directly murdered at least 69 people and directly terrorized hundreds more, pressuring the German state to turn more and more to the right. Zundel has always wanted reunification, claiming it would pave the way for the return of the "Master Race." Adolph Hitler himself said that had people understood the real meaning of the Nazi movement, and crushed it in its infancy, it would never have succeeded. That's a pretty clear invitation.

We are calling for an increased campaign to drive Zundel out of business. Whether in the courts or on the streets, or both, he must be held accountable for the very real threat Nazism poses today.

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HATE LITERATURE! (From: dgannon@banished.com)

When Hitler and other Nazis spoke of the BIG LIE technique, they were clearly NOT advocating it, but were rather warning about the JEWISH use of the BIG LIE, including false atrocity propaganda against Germany in BOTH World Wars!

Thus the often-repeated, widely-believed story that the Nazis advocated the BIG LIE is a poignant example of the BIG LIE itself! How VERY ironic! The lie returns to strike the liars. "Truth crushed to Earth shall rise again."

Following is an excerpt from THEFRAUD.TXT, a file available from Banished CPU's FTP Mail Server. Pay particular attention to the latter portion of the first paragraph.

The Zundel Trials: Ernst Zundel is a German-Canadian spokesman against the hate-campaign Jews have waged against Germans for 70 years. In 1983, Sabina Citron, a Jewish activist, agreed to debate Zundel on live Canadian television. Jews rarely debate the Holocaust because it is so easily discredited, but Citron would not be restrained. She began by attacking Zundel's character, claiming he had a criminal record in Germany. The moderator called the German Consul in the middle of the program, and he stated, on-the-air, that this was not true. Citron next attempted to smear Adolf Hitler by repeating the Jewish "BIG LIE" story, that Hitler, in his book "Mein Kampf", advocated lying to the people. (The "BIG LIE" principle is that ordinary folk, only used to small lies, may more easily fall victim to a big lie that is often repeated.) Zundel proceeded to read Hitler's words verbatim from "Mein Kampf" which actually state that this "BIG LIE" technique is a frequent tool of the Jews. Never does Hitler advocate this policy for himself or other Aryans. ("Mein Kampf", Murphy translation, p 134, Manheim translation, p 231-2) As Citron's diatribe continued, the Holocaust story itself increasingly seemed to fit the "BIG LIE" pattern.

Having discredited herself instead of Zundel, Citron and her followers decided to sue Zundel to keep him quiet. They had the Canadian government prosecute him for "spreading false news" and "defaming the Jews" by denying the Holocaust. No mention was made that the Holocaust story had defamed Germans for fifty years and qualifies as history's most vicious hate-crime. Pro-Jewish Judge Hugh Locke was to preside. Locke was so biased he would not allow Allied aerial photos of Auschwitz in Zundel's defense, but did allow the prosecution to show Hollywood anti-German propaganda films. Locke's anti-German hostility resulted in a retrial, which produced devastating evidence against the Holocaust and was eventually settled in Zundel's favor by the Canadian Supreme Court.

- Dan Gannon (Banished CPU supports Freedom of Speech!)

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In Your Face

Ernst Zundel is pleased today. The self-proclaimed Holocaust denier has been entertained and he didn't even have to leave his front lawn to see the show. And what a show it was that Zundel witnessed — "street theatre" as he puts it.

The "street theatre" Zundel is referring to is the ARA demonstration which took place at his house — literally on his front lawn — yesterday. But the reason why the "show" was so enjoyable for Zundel, and only Zundel, is because he was behind the protective lines of police officers. Confident, safe and indeed smug, Zundel saw a spectacle unfold before his very eyes. He had the best seat in house — a vantage point from where he could watch, photograph, record and film for his TV show, newsletter and short-wave radio show which spreads Holocaust denial propaganda around the world to 41 countries.

The problem is, though, that the players in the theatre weren't acting. The street wasn't a stage, their words weren't unfamiliar lines and the cops weren't stand-ins. Hardly street theatre for the 100 or so young people at the demo — more like street smarts.

Those protesting took their role very seriously, and rightly so. Racism in a city where police beatings are not challenged often enough, where a white supremacist group was permitted to continue broadcasting hate messages on their hotline, and where a Holocaust denier is protected, should be taken seriously.

ARA is the only organization that has taken their concern and their anger and channeled it into direct action — in your face, grassroots politics.

The ARA has been in existence for almost a year — a year marked with protests, arrests and sweeping criticism. "Street punks", some have called them. Or "violent thugs" with a lot of time on their hands, say others. The media has been quick to dismiss them and write them off as a misguided, ragtag bunch.

There is no denying that the ARA is deserving of some criticism. Their tactics are sometimes extreme and too violent for some. And many of the members, in their daily lives, are not on the receiving end of racist slurs, discriminatory practices and random, racist beatings. Indeed at yesterday's protest, few people of colour were present. Perhaps the absence of such an important group of youth has made the organization insensitive, maybe even ignorant to their fears and concerns about the way the ARA

operates. *Varsity 93-11-25*

The criticisms are legitimate ones. But as the organization evolves, it is likely that such concerns will be taken into consideration. For now, the ARA is acting in the only way it knows how — with instinct and guts. And what a relief to know that somebody, anybody, in the city is acting with passion and concern, to know that despite the events of the summer the group has not dissolved — in fact, yesterday's protest was much better controlled than the one in June. At least someone is on the street, in the face of racists, white supremacists and Holocaust deniers.

But unfortunately not everyone is quite as relieved. In fact many would prefer that the ARA disappear from sight. The Toronto police even did their bit to ensure that at least eight members will reconsider the next time a protest takes place. The police, some dressed in plainclothes, others in riot gear, did their best to shut 'em down — not the Holocaust deniers, but the anti-racists.

Hopefully the result of yesterday's events won't shut down the ARA and won't stop the eight arrested youths from demonstrating and voicing their opinions. Because although many believe that the majority of lasting anti-racist work and progressive changes will come about in the courts, ARA is still providing an important service to the community by increasing visibility of race issues and exposing the white supremacists for who they really are. Maybe most importantly, ARA gives young people, many of whom are alienated from official, legal channels a voice against racism in the city.

"Why do they want to protect Zundel?" asked one protester. When Holocaust deniers, white supremacists and racists are protected while people of colour have to fight to get police to act according to Canada's hate laws the protester's question cannot be ignored. Why Zundel and not the protesters? Why the Heritage Front and not the countless people of colour who have been harassed and assaulted on the streets?

So it is no surprise that the protest put Zundel in good spirits. Before the ARA even reached his street he knew had nothing to worry about. The hard hat on his head was unnecessary — an excessive accessory for a man who had full protection behind police lines.

But then again, one wouldn't be surprised that a man who falsely denies a historical atrocity would interpret a passionate, angry, legitimate protest as "street theatre".

5 held after Zundel pelted

Toronto Sun 93-11-25

By BILL DUNPHY

Toronto Sun

Five anti-racist activists face criminal charges after cops and Nazi apologist Ernst Zundel were pelted with paint-filled eggs, light bulbs and rotting fish.

Metro Police, determined to prevent a re-occurrence of last summer's trashing of an east-end home by anti-racists, were backed by mounted officers, the public order unit, a score of plainclothes officers, a fire truck and ambulance.

But yesterday's demo by Anti-Racist Action was a shadow of former marches.

A little more than 100 demonstrators — a third of them masked — marched from City Hall to the Carlton St. home of Zundel, a Holocaust-denying publisher of pamphlets, newsletters and video tapes.

Zundel had sheathed his home in plastic and watched the demonstrators from an alley.

Home pelted

After listening to anti-Zundel and anti-police speeches, a small core of demonstrators began hurling objects at the Zundel bunker.

Staff Sgt. John Sillants said organizers had promised a peaceful march but demonstrators came prepared for trouble.

Police seized dozens of eggs filled with paint or some unidentified liquid, sharpened stakes, baggies of rotting fish parts and a yogurt container filled with porcelain shards.

Police moved in on suspects as the demo left Zundel's Carlton St. home and scuffled briefly before handcuffing the protesters.

Kristin Schwartz, 24; Michael Hasick, 28; Pedro Sanchez, 27; Bruce McFarlane, 33; and Ajith Aluthwatta, 33, were charged with offences ranging from obstructing police to assaulting police and possession of a dangerous weapon.

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Zundel foes hurl eggs, red paint at his house

Police respond in sizeable force

Globe+Mail 93.11.25

BY GAY ABBATE

Regional Crime Reporter

TORONTO — Five people were arrested yesterday after demonstrators marched to the home of Toronto publisher and Holocaust revisionist Ernst Zundel, where they hurled eggs and red paint at the house.

In contrast to an incident in June, when about 200 demonstrators in an anti-racist protest in Toronto outnumbered police, Metro Police took no chances yesterday.

At least 60 officers, both uniformed and in civilian clothes, were visible yesterday, and included members of the public order and mounted units. Some officers carried fire extinguishers.

The police presence was so large during the three-hour protest that at times they appeared to outnumber the demonstrators.

Yesterday's demonstration, like that of June 11, was organized by Anti-Racist Action, a group that has been mobilizing high-school and university students during the past year.

About 50 protesters, mainly young people, gathered in front of Toronto City Hall at 9 a.m. After a few speeches, they marched along Queen Street and up Yonge Street to Mr. Zundel's home on Carlton Street near Sherbourne Street.

Along the route, the group swelled to about 150, many of the marchers with covered faces.

Through rain and snow flurries, they carried placards and chanted slogans such as "Immigrants Yes, Nazis No" and "Nazi in the neighbourhood, trash him out."

The crowd was peaceful for the most part as it demonstrated in front of Mr. Zundel's house, the front of which was covered by a large plastic shroud.

One of the speakers, Lorenzo Komboa Ervin from Chattanooga, Tenn., told the crowd that "No way should you allow them [white supremacists] to organize in your community. You know you can stop them . . . We're fighting for our future."

Wearing his trademark hard hat, Mr. Zundel, along with several of his supporters, photographed and videotaped the crowd from behind police lines. Neighbours pecked out from behind drapes.

The arrests occurred near the house, as the crowd began to head for the subway station.

Police arrested one person, who they suspected was responsible for the vandalism. It was at this point, said Staff-Sergeant John Sillais, that other protesters stepped in to block police, resulting in a four more arrests.

The protesters then marched to 51 Division, near Dundas and Parliament Streets, but after a short impasse were escorted to the subway by police. Litter left behind by protesters at Mr. Zundel's house included pieces of ceramic tile, fish, light bulbs filled with paint, pieces of washroom porcelain and eggs.

A 28-year-old man has been charged with mischief, assaulting police, and obstructing police. The other four, whose ages range from 24 to 33, face a variety of charges, including assaulting police.

Yesterday's protest was called to coincide with the court appearance of four Heritage Front members. Elise Hategan appeared briefly and will appear in court again next Wednesday when a date will be set for her trial on charges of promoting hatred.

Wolfgang Droege, Gary Schipper and Ken Barker also appeared and their contempt-of-court charges in connection with a hot-line recording were postponed until March.

Skinhead vandals sought

Toronto Sun 93.11.26

Police are searching for a pair of neo-Nazi skinheads who took part in a \$20,000 orgy of destruction in an east end apartment.

Ku Klux Klan and skinhead slogans and symbols, and murderous messages to gays were splattered over the walls of the unit.

Det. Brody Smollet, of Metro's hate crimes unit, said a young offender and two 19-year-old women were arrested earlier this week in connection with the vandalism which caused \$9,800 in damages.

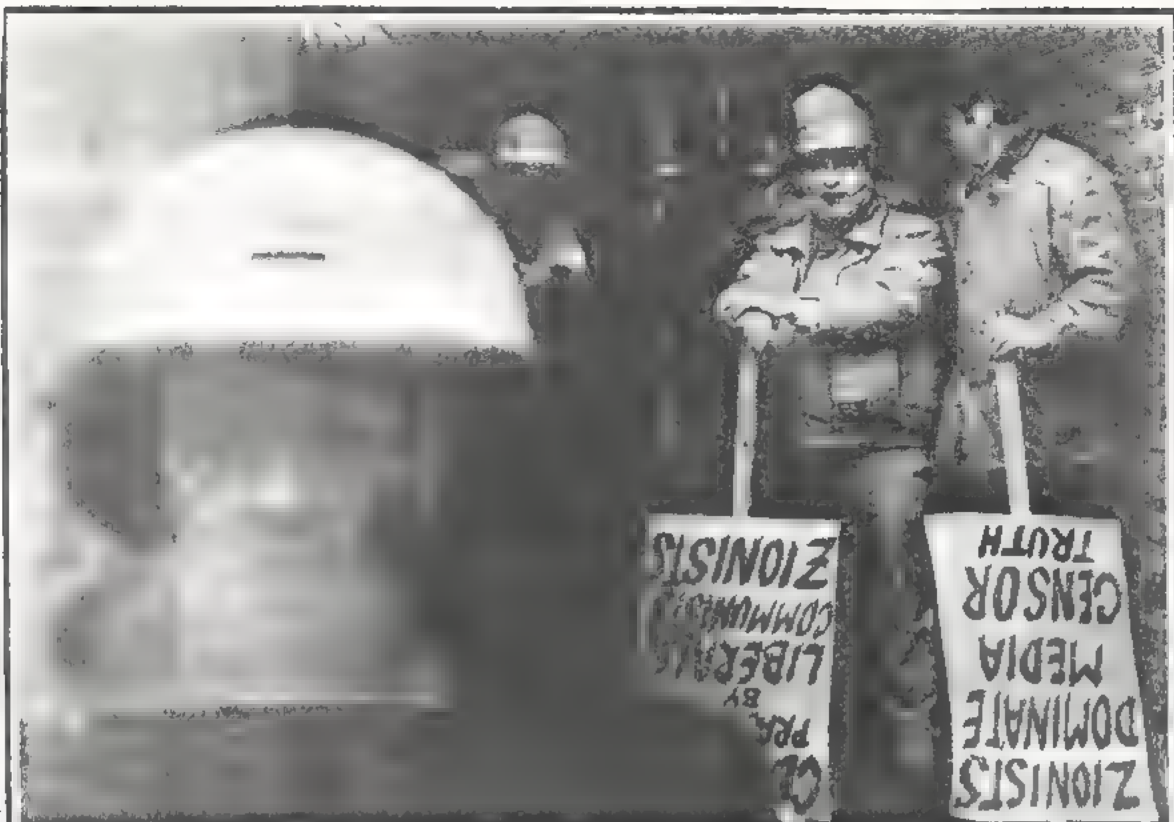
But others, described as neo-Nazi skinheads, are still being sought.

Police say an east end landlord had moved to evict some troublesome tenants in August, but when he finally took possession of the unit found the apartment a shambles.

"The place was just destroyed," Smollet said. "They really did a job on it."

The three females — police did not release their names — are to appear in College Park courts Dec. 7 to answer to charges of mischief over \$1,000.

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Ernst Zundel watches protesters from behind the safety of police lines. (Rodger Levesque/VS)

Varsity 93-11-25 **ARA demo ends in arrests**

BY ANNE BAINS
Varsity Staff

An Anti-Racist Action protest in front of the house of renowned Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel ended in violence and eight arrests yesterday.

ARA — a direct action group consisting mainly of young people and high school students — organized the protest in conjunction with the appearance of Heritage Front members in the Federal Court of Canada on contempt charges for their refusal to stop broadcasting hate messages on their hotline.

Although ARA posters stated the group would march to the courthouse, protesters went directly from City Hall to Zundel's house.

By the time the march reached the house located on Carlton St, there were close to 120 protesters present, some having joined on the way. When the protesters reached the house, they were greeted by Zundel who was standing with placards, cameras and a small group

of people at the side of the house.

From a balcony, a camera crew filmed the demonstration for broadcast on Zundel's satellite tv show. The front of the house was covered with a plastic sheet in order to protect it from possible damage.

Following several brief speeches, a few demonstrators threw eggs and paint at the house. At this point, Zundel clenched one of the placards and seemed to be prepared to shout back at the protesters. But the two groups did not come into contact.

As the protesters began leaving the scene, a disruption within the group broke out.

At least four people were dragged out of the crowd, one of them in a headlock, by plainclothes police officers, and handcuffed. Although at the time the arresting officers did not tell protesters what station they were taken to, most of them were taken to 51 Division.

ARA members and officers from 51 Division said that by the end of the

demonstration eight people had been arrested. All except two of the people arrested had been released by late last night. A total of 12 charges have been laid including one charge of assault with a weapon, three charges of assaulting police and one of mischief.

Les (a pseudonym used for safety) a member of the Jewish Feminist Anti-Fascist League, who took part in the protest, said ARA members should not have been arrested. She said she, as well as other protesters, were pushed by a police officer.

"They [the police] want to discredit us no matter what we do — as long as we're in the streets, as long as we're young, we're angry and critical of the cops."

One member who was in the group when those arrested were pulled out, said they were not provoking the police.

"They [the plain clothes police] started moving in and arrested our friends for doing nothing," he said.

Ian, an ARA member, suggested the Please see "Cops," p.2

Cops arrest eight

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police had targeted prominent members of the group for arrest prior to the demonstration.

"I'm disgusted... Maybe they want to shake them up or shut down the organization," he said.

Kika, a woman who was at the protest, said she was concerned for the people who were arrested.

"The ARA has to have protection. Maybe there should be negotiations between the ARA and the police," she said. "You should be able to have someone come with you to the station."

Ian said the police should be questioned by anti-racist groups.

"The main group that is targeting anti-racists is the police," he said.

"It's not acceptable for them [the police] to leap all over demonstrators. We should target them by publicly complaining."

Kika said the police are quick to protect Zundel, but not the protesters.

Zundel, who watched the ARA demonstration from behind lines of riot police, said he and his supporters were prepared to hold up placards to get their message across.

As well as publishing newsletters in which he claims the Holocaust has been exaggerated, Zundel transmits a short-wave radio show and broadcasts a satellite tv program.

"Some people believe the earth is flat. I believe it is round. Some believe in the Holocaust. I don't," Zundel said.

Before the protest began, ARA organizers handed out cards to the protesters with information on what to do if arrested.

"We don't know if there will be arrests, but it is better to be safe," said Kevin, an ARA member. The flyers told protesters that if they were arrested, they did not have to give the police any information until a lawyer was present.

Since their formation a year ago, ARA has organized protests against the Heritage Front. At their last action on June 11 at the home of Heritage Front spokesperson Gary Schipper in the city's east end, protesters threw eggs and paint as well as smoke bombs. A clash later that evening between ARA and Heritage Front members ended with three people from Heritage Front, including its leader, Wolfgang Droege, being arrested. Three ARA members were also arrested a couple of weeks later as a result of the protest.

HOTLINE TRIAL Neo-Nazi member defects

Toronto Sun
93-11-25

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A key recruiter and speaker for the neo-Nazi Heritage Front has defected to the anti-racist movement.

Charlene Elisse Hategan had been courted by anti-racists for months, the Sun has learned, and late last summer finally jumped sides.

The diminutive redhead took with her a wealth of detail on the inner workings of the largest white racist group this country has seen in decades.

"I think there should be a lot of people besides (Front leader) Wolfgang Droege who should be nervous now," Martin Theriault, of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice, said yesterday.



HATEGAN
In hiding

Hategan had been groomed from the age of 15 as a speaker for the white racist movement.

Hategan, who has been in hiding, appeared yesterday in court accompanied by two OPP officers and a trio of Native activists acting as bodyguards.

She was in court to testify against her former buddies in a contempt of court trial.

Lawyers for the Canadian Human Rights Commission, who are bringing the contempt charge against Front members, said in court they "feared for the safety" of their witness.

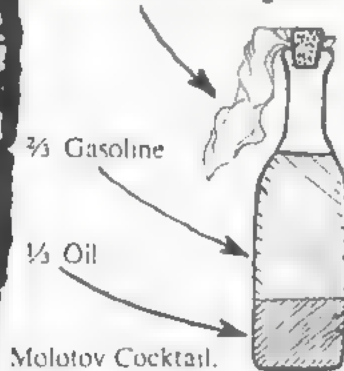
But Front spokesman Gary Schipper laughed off any suggestion Hategan was in danger or a danger to them, saying they were going to "have a lot of fun when she gets on the witness stand."

Droege, Schipper and Oshawa Front leader Ken Barker are accused of violating an earlier court order shutting down the Front's hotline.

The trial was delayed until March.

BORED?

Gasoline-soaked Rag Fuse

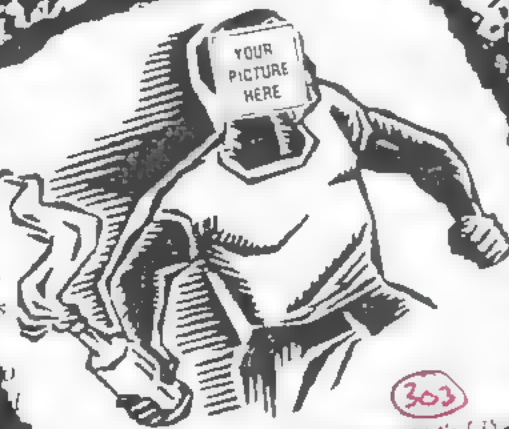


Molotov cocktail

Figure 1013 shows a Molotov Cocktail. This is an incendiary bomb which bursts into flame on breaking. A quart bottle is filled with two-thirds gasoline and one-third oil. A fuse is made of an old gasoline-soaked rag, and then stuffed into the mouth of the bottle. The bottle is corked, and the task is to throw it and, when it breaks, it will burst into flame. The enemy will not be able to extinguish the fire with water. These were used by the Germans in 1941.

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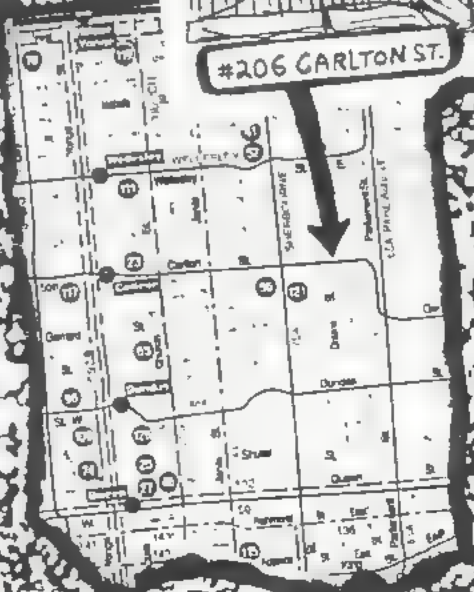


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Ernst Zundel is a key player in the growing international neo-Nazi movement. Operating from his fortified bunker at 206 Carleton, here in Toronto, Zundel runs one of the largest neo-Nazi propaganda operations in the world providing fascist movements around the globe with a steady flow of information, particularly in Germany where it is harder to obtain illegal Nazi-publications. Alongside his service as "Sergeant of the Reich", 7

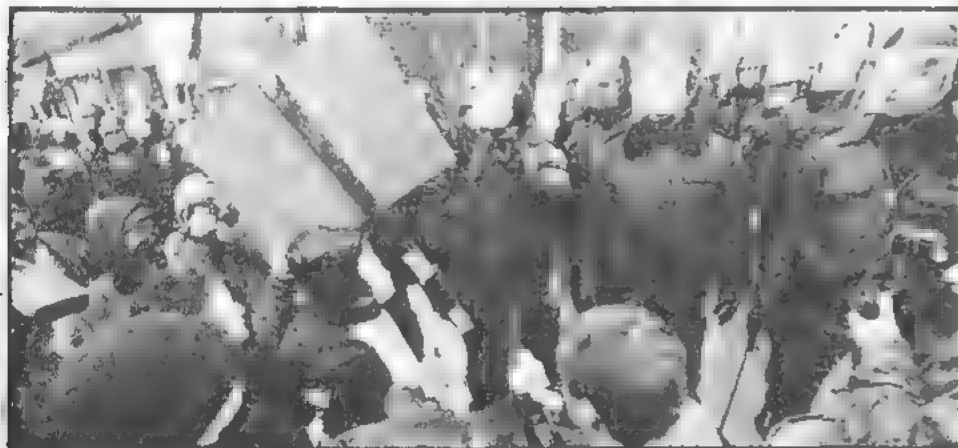


ERNST ZUNDEL
Holocaust denier, peddler of hate





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CONFRONTATION — A protester taunts police outside the Toronto home of Holocaust revisionist Ernst Zundel yesterday. Eggs and red paint were hurled in the demonstration and five people were arrested. Story, A18.
(TIBOR KOLLEY/The Globe and Mail)





Toronto Star 93.11.25

JOHN MAHLER / TORONTO STAR

ANTI-RACIST PROTEST: Dozens of anti-racist demonstrators march on the Carlton St. home of neo-Nazi Ernst Zundel yesterday.

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Police expect the worse at rally

Metro Police was out in full force to protect Ernest Zundel, producer of neo-nazi propaganda, on the Anit-Racist-Action rally on Nov. 24.

About 200 protesters attended, and a ton of cops. • photo by Josh Shessel



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ERNST ZUNDEL



* HITLER LOVER

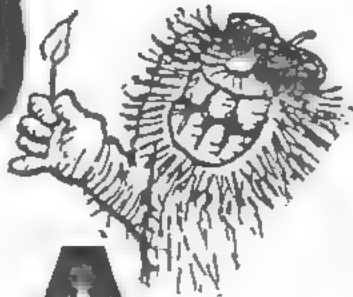
* WALKS AROUND MUMBLING, "DID SIX MILLION REALLY DIE?"

* AUTHOR, PRINTER, PUBLISHER AND DISPATCHER OF HATE LITERATURE

* WANNA BE FUHRER OF GERMAN NEO-NAZI BONEHEADS

* LONELY CHANCELLOR OF THE HATE-QUARTER'S AT 206 CARLTON STREET

* LATEST CRIME...IMPROPER USE OF CONDOM TO COVER HIS BUNKER



WHAT A FUCKING LOSER!

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8 Anti-Racists Arrested at Protest Against Toronto Neo-Nazi Ernst Zundel

To: Community Organizations
From: Anti-Racist Action
Date: November 30, 1993
Re: Anti-Racist Action Demonstration of November 24, 1993

Dear Friends:

Many of you have supported and endorsed demonstrations organized by Anti-Racist Action, and we thank you for your ongoing support and dialogue with us. We recognize that without grassroots work against racism and anti-semitism, sexism, homophobia, ableism and class exploitation, our own anti-racist and anti-fascist work would be of little use. Conversely, gains made towards a just society can be quickly threatened by racist-right backlash. We need to continue working together to ensure that anti-fascist work is not isolated from ongoing anti-racist struggles in the broader movement.

ARA is a youth-oriented group which has been mobilizing to expose, oppose and confront far right organizing in Toronto and surrounding areas. In the past year, we have succeeded in driving white supremacist groups like the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator further underground, and in exposing their "white pride" rhetoric as window-dressing for their real genocidal goals. In particular, a direct action against Gary Schipper, the writer and "voice" of the Heritage Front telephone hotline last June 11, disrupted their work to the point that the Front has been unable to organize openly in Toronto since that time.

Given these successes, we decided to organize a demonstration against Ernst Zundel, a major figure in the international Nazi movement. From the comfort of his hate-quarters at 206 Carlton Street, Zundel has been churning out racist anti-semitic literature for the past decade. He is a major supplier of Nazi propaganda not only within North America but also in Germany, where he actually employs people to spread his anti-refugee, homophobic and anti-semitic gospel.

Court cases against Zundel have failed to put an end to his work, and the state is biding its time in laying new charges against him. We timed the demonstration to coincide with two court cases against local neo-nazis (charged with hate crimes). We were determined to make the point that while a young woman (who has now left the Heritage Front and is testifying against them) went to court on hate-literature charges, in a case designed to get as much information about anti-racists as racists, the "big fish" on Carlton Street remained untouched.

Cop Attack on November 24

We have always expected in confronting nazis we would eventually be confronting police and the courts. In January of this year, an ARA demonstration was attacked by mounted police, who provided cover for a (pretty pathetic) fascist march into the courthouse at University and Dundas. At the June 11 action against Gary Schipper, we outsmarted the cops who were "sadly" outnumbered by the time we reached our destination.

On November 24 police were hyper-mobilized, defending Zundel's bunker from the 125 protestors with upwards of 300 officers on foot, undercover, and in full riot gear. They tried to provoke demonstrators by posing as Nazis in the crowd, and when that ploy failed, they just moved in and started grabbing and assaulting people randomly. To the media they displayed eggshells and fish-heads found at the scene to back up their claim that we were "violent". At no time did demonstrators try to push against police lines: we might be dedicated but we're not suicidal. Overall, the arrests were just a fairly brutal form of crowd control.

Charges laid against protestors ranged from "breach of the peace" (against an organizer just to get him off the megaphone and out of the demo), to "weapons dangerous" ("to wit: an egg" reads the prosecutor with a chuckle), to the old standby "assault police". *We are demanding an end to the political use of the assault police charge — which just obscures the fact that in most cases it is cops who do the assaulting.*

We found it interesting that Zundel's own security was absent, in contrast to June 11 when fifty-odd boneheads with baseball bats were waiting for us in Allen Gardens. It was clear on November 24 that arrests were going to be made no matter what happened. The arrests themselves had a surreal, staged quality, carried out in Zundel's view, like maybe the cops get a bonus for that. What passes for humour at the cop shop left us pretty chilled: many joked about going up to Ernst's for bratwurst and beer after getting through with us, and chanted "Cops and Klan go Hand in Hand" in mockery. Their racist remarks about those they had arrested and others, and the fact that people of colour were disproportionately targeted for arrest at the demo, further illustrates the white supremacist police culture/politics. Can you imagine a person of colour, a native person, a homeless person, a gay or lesbian person, getting the kind of police protection for which Metro spent an estimated \$200,000, all for Ernst Zundel?

Zundel's gotta go

The police response to this demonstration also gives us all some idea of how far the Canadian state will go to defend Zundel. We are going to have to come up with new strategies to deal with him, to disrupt his work and make his life less comfortable here in Toronto. Times are changing for Ernst Zundel: the media no longer refers to him as a Toronto "publisher". This time, he was more accurately identified as a white supremacist and Holocaust-denier. The media also didn't fall for his customary pose as a "victim of censorship".

We can build on this small but significant step towards isolating and shutting down this Nazi — he lives right here in our backyard and it's our job to get him out! We hope to engage in further dialogue and joint action with community and political groups in the coming months with that goal in mind.

What you can do

We would appreciate letters of support (Anti-Racist Action, P.O. Box 664, Stn. C, Toronto M6J 3S1, or call our infoline (416) 631-8835) and letters to the Police Services Board condemning the brutality anti-racists faced from police on Nov. 24. We would also like to ask for your support in the form of donations to the Anti-Racist Action Legal Defense Fund. Cheques can be sent to Bread & Roses Credit Union, Acct. #4230, 348 Danforth Avenue, Ste. #211, Toronto M4K 1N8.

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PRESS STATEMENT CONCERNING THE POLICE ATTACK ON THE NOVEMBER 24th ANTIFASCIST DEMONSTRATION

My name is Lorenzo Komboa Ervin, a delegate from the United States section of the **Anarchist Black Cross**, an international prison support organization, and also the current executive director of the newly-formed **National Coalition against Racism and Police Brutality**, a newly formed anti-fascist coalition, also centered in the United States. I am currently on a tour of the US, Canada and Europe, and unfortunately could not attend today's press conference, but I am extremely interested in follow-up events in Toronto, and have therefore left behind my statement to be read at this gathering of media representatives.

I took part in yesterday's march and demonstration by the Anti-Racist Action group at the home of neo-Nazi leader, Ernst Zundel, 206 Carlton Street, right here in Toronto. In order to protect this fascist gangster, the Toronto police literally engaged in a police riot, where demonstrators were beaten and falsely arrested by cops. This followed a deliberate provocation by undercover cops who threw rocks and other projectiles at uniformed cops, giving them the excuse to break heads. Several demonstrators were punched, dragged, and bludgeoned by cops at the scene of the rally in front of Zundel's house, and when the demonstration's leaders tried to talk to the cops to peacefully leave the scene, they were pushed and shoved, and the exit of the demonstration itself was blocked. It was clear that the cops wanted to show that they were in control and were spoiling for a fight, especially after being outflanked by last June's ARA demonstration. So yesterday's beatings were revenge for being shown up. This time they had hundreds of riot cops, but still had to make a provocation to justify the use of force. There was no other reason for yesterday's brutality, the demonstration was non-violent, it was the cops who started the whole thing.

Eight persons were arrested, including two at the police station demanding the release of their compatriots. One Black protester, Ajith Alutvatta, was badly beaten at the scene and then kept overnight at the jail. He is being charged with "assault on a police officer", "going in disguise to commit a crime", and a variety of other trumped-up offenses, and is to soon appear in criminal court.

I am a Black American from the southern United States, and used to routinely see such acts of police brutality against civil rights protesters in the 1960's, but I had been told that Canada, and especially, Toronto, is a much more politically tolerant place. The repressive police activities of the Toronto cops yesterday proved that this is not the case. This city's police force is just as racist, conservative and repressive as any in the United States. So they must be treated just like those in the United States.

Canada has a number of civil rights and "hate crime" statutes prohibiting this sort of thing. So the question then becomes: why has he not been stopped by police action? It is clear that the Toronto and Ontario provincial authorities are conspiring to protect this Nazi, and are being paid off to do so. Zundel has gotten rich in

Canada, due to corrupt business practices including money laundering. Thus, because Zundel is a "prominent citizen" these corrupt politicians and police officials are doing his bidding, and letting him carry on his export of tons of racist hate literature all over the world to neo-Nazi groups, including the Ku Klux Klan and Nazi skinheads in the United States. He also produces racist films, video and radio programs, which are used by neo-Nazis in Germany and the U.S. Canada has always claimed that it does not have the racist attitudes like those which exist in the United States, which produced the Ku Klux Klan, but Zundel's presence and that of other neo-Nazis, who are receiving government support, gives the lie to any claim of Canadian Liberalism or anti-racism.

I am outraged and horrified over the police repression of the Anti-Racist Action movement, and am demanding on behalf of the movements that I represent, that all charges be dropped against the anti-racist protesters, that disciplinary and criminal action be brought against those officers who brutally beat them, and that Zundel's fascist organizing be curtailed immediately. He should be in jail or deported, not protected by the government and have protesting citizens beaten in front of his house. This is crazy!

If these demands for justice by the authorities are not met, we will launch an international tourist boycott against Toronto and Ontario province, which will cripple the economy of this region, which depends heavily on tourism. *Take this very seriously : this is not an idle threat!* Similar boycotts we used in Miami, Florida to protest racial discrimination and police brutality caused the city to lose \$35 million in tourist revenues, the State of Arizona to lose over \$200 million dollars, and in addition, the Gay tourist boycott against, the State of Colorado to protest the passage of anti-homosexual legislation, caused the loss of \$500,000 per day for six months! We will contact groups all over the world, letting them know of this situation where Toronto is protecting an infamous Nazi fugitive. This campaign will make this city an international pariah to both business conventions and tourism, if you continue to deal with protest in his heavy-handed fashion and refuse to negotiate a fair settlement.



RAGE ... A policeman pushes back a demonstrator outside Ernst Zundel's Carlton St. home yesterday. - Alex Urosevic, Sun

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Trampling the Truth - Holocaust Denial

Varsity 93-11-29
BY CHRISTOPHER POULO

Joshua Schwarcz warns students to take heed of the "Nazi propaganda" being spread by supporters of "Holocaust denial."

Schwarcz, regional director of the B'Nai Brith League for Human Rights, was at U of T last Monday to commemorate Holocaust Memorial Week.

In a powerful speech, he stressed the imminent need for people to recognize the absurdity of Holocaust denial. He said that to accept its message or to even consider it, presents a threat not only to Jewish people but to everyone.

"[We must] make sure that the memory of the Holocaust, the memory of the tragedy of the Holocaust and the atrocities perpetrated by fascist Nazi Germany will never be repeated again."

The audience of approximately 25 listened to Schwarcz as he outlined the growth of Holocaust denial and how it was initiated by the German Nazis as early as 1943. He cited examples of bla-

tant cover-ups such as occurred at Treblinka.

"[The Nazis] erased the camp, shut everything down, made little gardens, brought in a number of sympathetic reporters and told everybody that the Jews were lying and that it was simply an agricultural summer camp," he said.

Schwarcz displayed outrage at how later generations of fascists and neo-Nazis have similarly tried to disguise the slanderous intent of Holocaust denial by referring to it as "historical revisionism". Modern Nazis have PhDs and write pseudo-scientific papers, he said.

However, as Schwarcz pointed out, despite their efforts to legitimize their views and to ultimately rehabilitate Nazi-Germany, Holocaust denial advocates are now faced with legal ramifications.

"In Canada, there is a hate law and if people promote hatred, they can and should be charged with this law," said Schwarcz, who added that spreading Holocaust

denial propaganda falls within the jurisdiction of Canada's laws against hate literature.

Schwarcz also said that in the case of Holocaust denial, freedom of speech is not an issue. While Schwarcz said he does not believe in censoring the material, he does believe any publication dealing with Holocaust denial should be clearly labelled for what it actually is: anti-Semitic hate propaganda.

"Holocaust deniers are not doing it because they believe in truth and academic freedom and freedom of expression [but because] they hate Jews and they want to perpetrate anti-Semitic slander," said Schwarcz.

Schwarcz added that it would be wrong to even debate the subject with advocates of Holocaust denial because that would legitimize their cause.

"It would be a tremendous attack, a tremendous dehumanization of the memory of the Holocaust for me to debate its legitimacy."

Zundel Responds

Thanks for the fair coverage of the ARA demo at my place yesterday.

We have cleaned up the mess, buried the dead fish and will take the condom off the house tomorrow.

I have had numerous calls about the posters put out by the ARA, especially the one with the Molotov Cocktail instructions on it! Was that really necessary?

The method of today's Leftists seems to be: Don't debate — incarcerate!"

When I was contributing editor and had my own column entitled "Politics, Past, Present and Future" at the student paper at Sir George Williams University 1966-68 we were ardent supporters of the "Free Speech Movements" on campuses all over the world then. What the hell happened?

What are you afraid of? A few eggs, dead fish, or insults hurled at you by "Political Correctness Commissars" of the faculty, at Queen's Park or the ARA? I am glad I am me. **Varsity**
Ernst Zundel 93-11-29

Droege set free — again

The leader of a white-racist group has been ordered freed from jail on \$5,000 bail — again.

And once again Wolfgang Droege has been ordered to zip his lip.

It's the second time the Heritage Front leader, 44, has been jailed and then released for violating bail conditions set last June on weapons and aggravated assault charges. And it's the second time he's been barred from speaking to the media.

Yesterday, the Crown introduced evidence Droege had twice spoken on camera.

This, the Crown argued, was a breach of bail and justified his detention until trial on the original charges.

But Droege's lawyer, John May, was successful in springing Droege, albeit on another \$5,000 bail. That brings Droege's total bail to \$25,000.

Toronto Sun 93-12-08 Racists ordered to stand trial

Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege, 44, was ordered yesterday to trial on charges of aggravated assault and weapons possession.

Peter Mitrevski, 24 of East York, also faces trial on weapons charges.

The white racists were arrested after a College St. free-for-all between Front members and Anti-Racist Action supporters last June.

Heritage Front leader jailed

White racist leader Wolfgang Droege is behind bars.

The leader of the Heritage Front is in the slammer on a charge of talking to the media.

Police hustled Droege to jail yesterday on two charges of breaching a gag order.

Droege's case was held over until today when his lawyers failed to show up in court to bail him out.

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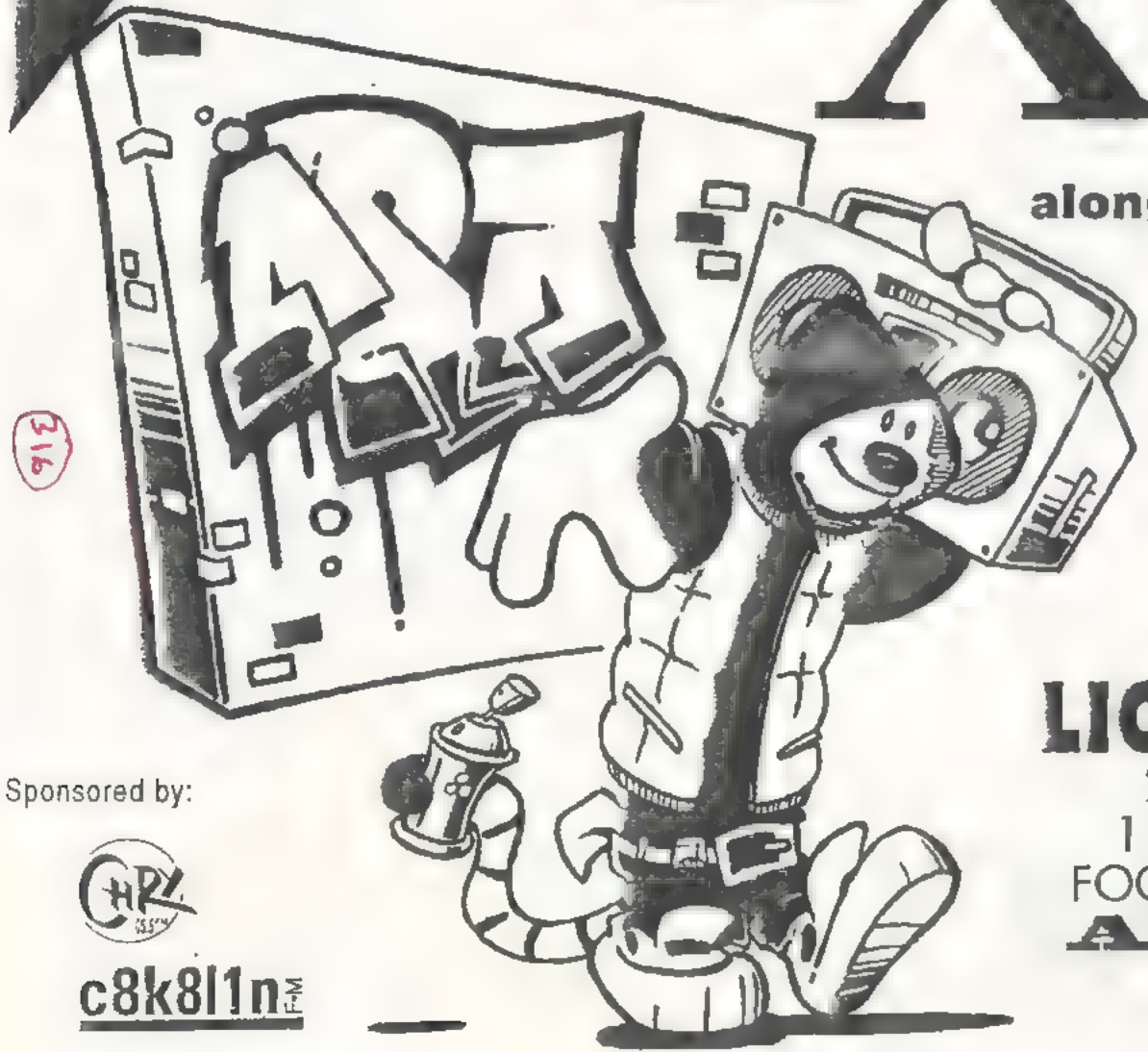
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Cruel 'Klan' joke

A Guelph jail guard who was investigated for parading a white inmate dressed in a homemade Ku Klux Klan outfit through two cell blocks full of black inmates five years ago has apparently been cleared of wrongdoing.

Keith Wright, 34, is now a sergeant at the Guelph Correctional Centre.

He admits only that he "took the guy (dressed in the sheet) upstairs" to another cell block, but only "to show the other officers what this idiot did ... I did not parade him around."

But he says he doesn't remember who the inmate was and that there were in fact two KKK incidents at the jail, one in the early 1980s — when he wasn't even on shift — and then the one in 1989.

But the *Sun* has confirmed details of the shocking night with an eyewitness, plus the union steward who was so disgusted he complained about it for years to no avail, and with the inmate involved.

The incident was the subject of an internal corrections probe last year after the steward, Ron Barber, formally brought it to the attention of assistant deputy minister Pauline Radley.

Wright said last night the report vindicates him, that he hasn't been disciplined in any way, and that as far as he's concerned, the case is closed.

But the horrifying story of how 23-year-old Aaron Eade — wearing a white sheet decorated with swastikas at the shoulders, a white hood made of a pillow case with slits for eyes and a huge swastika on the front — was led through the cell blocks

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in the spring of 1989 was immediately reported by Barber.

Eade is now 27 and serving a life sentence for the second-degree murder of an Oshawa man in the fall of 1989. At the Collins Bay Penitentiary near Kingston, where the *Sun* reached him yesterday, he remembered the events of that night very clearly.

One of his cellmates, "a skinhead", dressed him "up as a KKK guy" for a joke. When one of the guards saw him, he said, "he wanted me to go through the jail past the colored guys." Eade said the guard even unlocked the doors on the cell blocks "so I could walk through".

The black inmates, he said, were furious, and for days afterward, had sharpened pencils at the ready in case they found out "who the guy was".

His version of events was corroborated by a guard who was working that night.

This guard, who still works at the jail and was interviewed by ministry investigators during their probe, said it happened just after dinner, when inmates are briefly locked up and counted.

He was returning to the guards' office on the "D-3" cell block when "this guy in a sheet and pillowcase with slits cut out came running past me. I thought, 'What the hell?' and saw Keith (Wright) standing at the corner and laughing."

He was angry, he says, and told Wright, "I don't think this is funny. You better hope one of those black

inmates doesn't grab him." He says Wright then hustled Eade down some back stairs.

Wright had, sources say, already paraded Eade through "G-3", the cell block where he worked.

Barber heard about the incident the next day, and immediately took it to the jail security boss. According to the information he gathered, as Eade ran through the cell blocks, he was yelling, "Nigger, get off the —ing floor!"

A few days later, Barber, now 61 and off ill on long-term disability, stopped by the security office again. By then, the incident was common knowledge at Guelph, and guards who asked Wright about it say he told them it was "just a joke".

At the office, Barber said, he was shown several pictures of senior jail staff who had dressed up in the KKK outfit — found by the prison's special search team — and posed for Polaroid pictures. Among them, Barber says, was the man who then, and now, is principal of the prison school.

Furious, Barber complained to the then jail superintendent. But for almost four years, nothing happened except that Wright was twice promoted, first to corporal, then to sergeant.

Finally, on Aug. 17, 1992, Barber officially told Radley and other senior officials, prompting the probe. It may have been hampered, union sources say, by the fact that documents — including a letter explaining the school principal had worn the KKK outfit only "to model it" — have disappeared.

Arlene Waite, a special assistant to Solicitor-General and Corrections Minister David Christopherson, confirmed the report is completed. "Action as appropriate has been taken," she said last night, noting that the ministry is now conducting anti-racism training at all detention centres.



EADE
Wore a sheet



ELISSE HATEGAN

Gives information

Toronto Sun 93-12-13

Racists bombed house, she says

A white supremacist group was responsible for firebombing an anti-racism activist's home in Kitchener twice, a former Heritage Front member said in a CTV interview broadcast last night.

A firebomb caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage to the home of Monna Zentner, 56, in 1992. Her house caught fire again this summer and no charges have been laid.

"A series of fire bombings began ... and a Kitchener woman's home was bombed out twice," Elisse Hategan, 18, said in the interview.

But a spokesman for the Heritage Front told CTV that Hategan "is lying."

"She never knew nothing," said Garry Schipper. "If we ever had any delicate information she would be the last person on earth to get it."

Hategan also told CTV the Heritage Front has encouraged its members to join the Reform party and to go on welfare.

Reform party officials said previously they expelled any known members of the Front from the party before the Oct. 25 federal election.

Hategan was charged this past summer with willfully promoting hatred against blacks.

Today, she says she has offered information to police about the group's activities.

Hategan said almost all of the 100 members she knew possessed a gun.

"I should never have joined and I'm going to do everything possible, that I can to right what I've done wrong."

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Probe: Jail Klan prank not proven

Toronto Sun 94-12-02
By ANNE DAWSON

Queen's Park Bureau

Allegations that a Guelph Correctional Centre guard paraded a white inmate dressed in Ku Klux Klan gear past black inmates are unsubstantiated, Solicitor General Dave Christopherson said yesterday.

A statement from the solicitor-general's ministry last night said a six-month investigation into the incident was concluded last April and the allegation "could not be substantiated."

A story in yesterday's Sun said a Guelph guard who was investigated for parading a white inmate dressed in a homemade Ku Klux Klan outfit through two cell blocks full of black inmates five years ago was cleared of wrongdoing.

Keith Wright, 34, has been promoted twice since then and is now a sergeant at the institution.

'Coverup'

The investigation was done by the ministry's Independent Investigation Unit, established by the NDP government to investigate workplace discrimination and harassment complaints.

Tory MPP Bob Runciman said the government's handling of the case leaves a "strong odor of a coverup."

He said the government is spending \$3.5 million to conduct a commission on systemic racism in the criminal justice system while it "clearly has a problem in (its) own backyard."

Christopherson said he was reluctant to say anything about the probe because it would violate the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.



JOHN MAHLER / TORONTO STAR

FACING CHARGES: Constable Bradley Coulbeck, 24, leaves a hearing room at Metro police headquarters on College St. yesterday.

Toronto Star 93-12-17

Metro constable facing charges

Police allege links to white supremacists

BY JOHN DEVERELL
STAFF REPORTER

The Metro police force has charged an officer with discreditable conduct over alleged links with the racist Heritage Front.

The allegations against Constable Bradley Coulbeck, 24, include being on a Heritage Front mailing list, buying and distributing its materials and attending a meeting of an allied organization (the Ku Klux Klan) in the United States.

Human rights groups are praising police Chief Bill McCormack for taking swift action.

Bernie Farber, director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said the prompt police action is welcome.

He said it is a refreshing contrast to the tolerance of the Canadian Airborne Regiment for Pte. Matt McKay, linked to the neo-Nazi Ary-

an Nation, and of the Peel Region school board for Heritage Front sympathizer Paul Fromm, a teacher.

"In this case, the police appear to be doing everything that should be done," Farber said. "The public must be able to trust public employees, especially when they carry guns."

Staff Inspector Dave Dicks said an investigation of Coulbeck's alleged links with the Heritage Front, a white supremacist group, has been conducted but the evidence won't be made public until his disciplinary trial. No date has been set.

He said Coulbeck was charged because police regulations prohibit associations — even on an officer's private time — that damage the reputation and effectiveness of the force.

"The oath of office places limitations on private activities," Dicks said.

Coulbeck, who was suspended from duty with pay while awaiting trial on another matter, had no comment yesterday on the latest charges.

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LINKED TO RACIST HERITAGE FRONT

Cop faces charge

Toronto Sun 9.3.12.16

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

A young cop faces Police Act charges over his links with the racist Heritage Front, the *Sun* has learned.

A discreditable conduct charge filed two weeks ago alleges Metro Const. Brad Coulbeck, 24, is on the Heritage Front mailing list, has purchased and distributed Heritage Front material, and attended a 1992 Ku Klux Klan rally in Arkansas.

But *Sun* sources close to the Front go further. Coulbeck, they say, is a Front member.

Front defector Elisse Hategan has sworn an affidavit for the Canadian Centre on Racism and

Prejudice recounting a chance meeting with Coulbeck in a courthouse last summer.

Although Hategan didn't respond to interview requests, her affidavit alleges Coulbeck recognized her from a Front video. She swears she was later told by a founding Front member that Coulbeck was a member.

Centre spokesman Martin Theriault said his group was aware of Coulbeck's involvement with the force and called for an "independent civilian inquiry to deal with the issue."

One Front member, too scared

to be identified, told the *Sun* a similar story two months ago.

Reached at his west Toronto home yesterday, Coulbeck admitted he'd bought a Heritage Front newsletter subscription and videos but vehemently denied being a member or agreeing "with everything they stand for."

"I was not a member and never have been," he said. "I am not a racist."

He also denies ever attending a Ku Klux Klan rally or any racist group's meeting.

He admitted he likes researching radical groups and likes read-

ing about politics.

Coulbeck, who joined the force in March 1992, said he initially called the Front's hotline in about November 1992 because a cousin wanted information on the group for a high school newspaper. He got the hotline number from a newspaper story, he said.

Front member Ken Barker personally delivered "one or two videos" Coulbeck had ordered for his cousin.

"But to be honest, I didn't watch them," Coulbeck said, and just handed them over to his

cousin last Christmas.

But a month later, armed with his new contacts, he says he offered to go undercover in the Front to help on a criminal investigation.

The offer, he says was turned down after a meeting with Det. Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave, head of the hate crimes unit.

Citing the Police Act charge, Cotgreave declined to comment.

Coulbeck has been suspended from the force since Aug. 17 after he and his fiancée were charged with assaulting each other.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A.R.A. ENDORSES CALL FOR INQUIRY INTO POLICE LINKS TO NEO-NAZI HERITAGE FRONT

The disciplinary charges brought against Metro Constable Brad Coulbeck concerning his connections to the neo-nazi Heritage Front raise many questions about the relationship between Metro Police and white supremacist organizations in this city. These questions must be answered:

- * What is the extent of Coulbeck's role within the Heritage Front?
- * How many other officers are linked to Coulbeck, and/or active with the Heritage Front?
- * What police information has been shared with the Heritage Front as a result of this linkage?
- * Have Heritage Front-police links compromised the cases against or security of anti-racists charged by police?
- * Have these links protected neo-nazis from further criminal charges or investigations?
- * What steps can be taken to change a police force environment which attracts or fosters members of neo-nazi organizations?

The recently revealed Coulbeck-Heritage Front connection is ominous when set against the inaction of Metro Police after the firebombing of YouthLink, continuing police attacks against anti-racist protestors, Metro Police collusion and cooperation with self-proclaimed neo-Nazi "guru" Ernst Zundel on November 24, 1993 and the wearing of white supremacist regalia by an undercover officer who arrested anti-racist demonstrators on that date.

A.R.A. supports the call made by the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice for an independent civilian inquiry into the issue of police links to the Heritage Front and other neo-nazi organizations and demand, at minimum, the dismissal of Constable Coulbeck from the Metro Police Force.

An investigation into the torture-death of a Somali man at the hands of the Canadian military led to the revelation that there was not just one white supremacist in the Canadian military, but a whole regiment infested with them. It is equally critical that the police force be brought under scrutiny following the revelation of the existence of one neo-nazi within its ranks.

Arsenal seized as four busted

Toronto Sun 94-01-13

By ROB LAMBERTI
Toronto Sun

High-powered firearms were seized after police arrested two pistol-packing teens at a Scarboro mall.

The arrests led police to a cache of weapons and 1,100 rounds of ammunition in a Jones Ave. house and the arrest of a 14-year-old girl and a 40-year-old woman.

Police seized two loaded semi-automatic handguns from two 15-year-old male skinhead "wannabes" who were kicked out of Warden Woods Mall Tuesday.

A .223-calibre assault rifle and two .22-calibre rifles, a handgun and the ammo were found in the house.

Police, who don't know why the teens had the weapons, were trying to determine if they were stolen in a Toronto break-in Tuesday.

Taunted guards

The boys were headed for the mall's cinema when security guards confronted them about "their look...their attitude," said Sgt. Pat Tallon, adding that they taunted and threw pennies at the guards.

Police nabbed them outside the mall and a search found the loaded 8-mm and 9-mm handguns tucked in their pant waists, said Tallon.

The assault rifle "has only one purpose and that is to kill people. This is a weapon used to kill people in wars," he added.

A 14-year-old girl, two 15-year-old boys, and Sharon Rampanen, 40, of Jones Ave., are charged with possession of restricted weapons, possession of prohibited weapons, carrying a concealed weapon and possession of property obtained by crime.

FIREPOWER ... Sgt. Pat Tallon displays weapons confiscated yesterday. Sharon Rampanen, 40, (inset) faces charges.

Rob Lamberti, Sun

NAZI LIVING AT 2 NORTH DR, APT. 307

Wolfgang Droege, leader of the paramilitary Nazi group known as the Heritage Front, and Alex Dietrich, a core member of the group, are residing at 2 North Dr. in apartment #307. They are using the residence as a base for this notoriously violent white supremacist organization.

Dietrich is part of the core clique of Heritage Front activists. He is heavily involved in recruitment (especially of high school students), organisation of racist rallies and other HF events, and in the dissemination of hate propaganda, an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.

Wolfgang Droege, the violent leader of the Heritage Front, has a long criminal record as a result of his Nazi activities. He was sentenced to a total of 15 years of prison in the U.S., stemming from convictions for cocaine trafficking, weapons offences, and conspiracy to violate the U.S. Neutrality Act. After serving 8 years in prison, he was deported to Canada. Droege is currently charged with "possession of a weapon dangerous to the public peace" as a result of his participation in a riot at Bathurst & College on June 12, 1993.

WHO ARE THE HERITAGE FRONT AND THE CHURCH OF THE CREATOR?

The Heritage Front, the largest Nazi group in Canada, has often portrayed itself as a moderate "white rights" advocacy group, and is active in publishing and spreading racist and anti-semitic propaganda in the forms of a telephone "hotline", and a magazine entitled "Up Front".

The Church of the Creator, a group which recently merged with the Heritage Front, is an

see other side

international militant Nazi group, based in Otto, North Carolina. It is violently racist, anti-semitic, and anti-Christian, and styles itself as a religion worshipping the white race.

George Burdi, head of the Canadian COTC, recently became deputy leader of the Heritage Front, thereby creating a single, highly radical force.

In June alone, the groups were involved in the June 7 murder of a Tamil immigrant, the severe beating of another Tamil immigrant that has left him paralysed, a riot in Ottawa, and a June 12 riot in downtown Toronto which left three members facing arrested and facing serious charges.

On June 9, 1993, three members of Heritage Front and COTC were arrested and charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement, and assault, when they abducted a 22 year old man and tortured him for three hours while threatening to inject him with window cleaner and kill him.

In a police raid of their home at 272 Maxome Ave. on the same night, a 12-gauge shotgun, .45 calibre pistol, and .22 calibre revolver were seized. In fact, all members of COTC are required to own firearms and undergo paramilitary training. The COTC runs a paramilitary training camp in northern Ontario during the summer.

George Burdi sums up their goals as follows: "This time, we will chase every dirty human rat down to the end of the earth and beat him to death if he is a traitor. This time, my white racial comrades, we shall conquer the world for our people. And as Adolf Hitler once said 'Today Germany, tomorrow the world'. White Power!"

These militant racists, who are dedicated to the destruction of our society, and to the oppression and annihilation of racial minorities, Jews, and homosexuals, are a blight on this community. If you see them engaged in any illegal activities, please inform the police immediately.

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**OPEN LETTER TO ANTI-IMPERIALIST AND ANTI-AUTHORITARIAN REVOLUTIONARIES
AND SUPPORTERS, AND TO PROGRESSIVE ANTI-FASCIST AND ANTI-RACIST ACTIVISTS:**

Anti-Racist Action in Toronto has successfully completed a campaign against the Heritage Front, a neo Nazi organizing front using David Duke-style rhetoric to recruit young people and organize the street-scene. One of the primary threats of this group was its high school recruiting campaign. Through consistent organizing both on the streets and in the schools during 1993, ARA provided the needed counterweight to aboveground fascist organizing, leaving the Heritage Front politically discredited and in disarray due to criminal charges. (For background on ARA's work, see *Prison News Service* #41, May/June 1993, p.9, *Arm the Spirit* May 1993, or contact us at the address below.)

ARA is ready to step up its activities to get at the deeper forces in the fascist camp. The next phase will include a campaign against Ernst Zundel, an international figure in fascist circles. His primary role in today's fascist movement is as a financier and publisher. As a Canadian publisher he is able to produce and distribute material banned in Germany. This material includes videos, printed matter and computer software for intelligence purposes. According to German authorities, the bulk of material seized in raids on Nazi hideouts has come from Canada. He also broadcasts on shortwave radio and on cable TV in North America.

Our logic for waging a specific campaign against him is as follows:

- He is a source of funds for the nazis;
- He is a fixed target, with a known address in downtown Toronto: a well-fortified bunker which was recently protected by upwards of 300 police during a demonstration, exposing the complicity and deal-making between police and nazis. In recent years only the bunker has been used for open gatherings such as Hitler's birthday celebration;
- He has won numerous court cases, up to the Supreme Court of Canada level; the liberal state solution to the problem of nazis has clearly failed;
- Targetting individual well-known fascists can involve a broad base of activists with different strategies and connections without requiring absolute political agreement on the tactics used or the strategies required to defeat racism and fascism in the longer term.

All these factors make a multi-level campaign possible and desirable. We in Toronto feel we have a responsibility to our comrades around the world as well as in our own community to see the end of Zundel's international guru status. The bulk of the work against him so far has been done by the Jewish community, as Zundel's primary notoriety has been gained by holocaust denial. We seek to act against him in solidarity and on our own behalf as people of colour, Jews, queers and all others targetted by the right. The timeline for the first phase of the campaign, consisting of information-gathering and consolidation, is expected to be at least the first half of 1994.

We need your help in mounting this campaign. Many of you have experience and can assist us with your own ideas, comments, etc. Specifically, the following things need to be done:

- research, identify all sources of support, suppliers and beneficiaries of Zundel's work, establishing a paper trail of contacts
- spread the word; contact ARA for an information package on Zundel
- monitor local access Cable TV and shortwave broadcasts

Towards victory,

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On The Prowl

Anti-Racist Action And Developing Anti-Fascist Strategies In Toronto

by Lola

The growth of the far right in Toronto is not an new phenomenon. The Heritage Front is not the first Toronto-based fascist group but the most recent example of a movement which dates back to the 1930s, when the Canadian Nazi Party ran candidates in Toronto; when the Balmy Beach Club in the east end of the city was renamed the Swastika Club; when nazi thugs attacked Jewish youth at Christie Pits Park near downtown, youth who defended themselves and their community by physically trouncing the nazi mob. Even the nazis of the 1930s cannot be isolated from the history of racism in Canada - from the genocidal policies used against the First Nations to the history of violent racism directed against the African and Asian communities.

This ongoing legacy of racism provides the fertile grounds for the growth of groups like the Heritage Front and Church of the Creator today. It's the historical context of racism which makes some white people vulnerable to these hateful organizations, and the strong links between groups in Canada, the U.S., Europe and South Africa make the white supremacist movement dangerous to us all.

It is often tempting to ignore neo-nazi organizing and violence. It is sometimes easier to see them as misfits or isolated extremists rather than face the larger problems of widespread racism, homophobia and anti-Semitism in society. But the first step to confronting hate violence is understanding how racism and prejudice has played a crucial role in the history of Canada, and how the struggles against it - from the time of Columbus to today - must inform and shape both our anti-racist analysis and activism.

Who Are The People In Your Neighbourhood?

Many of us in Ontario see neo-nazi, Ku Klux Klan and other far right organizing as something that happens in the U.S.; or in Alberta, Saskatchewan or Quebec - yet southwestern Ontario is the most active area of organized white supremacy in Canada. The region is perhaps the organizational centre for the Canadian far right.

The leadership of the local neo-nazi movement is very experienced, many of them having worked with Toronto racist organizations since the 1970s and 1980s. Some have travelled internationally to meet and work with their European and U.S. counterparts. Many have done prison time for "the cause".

The main public figure in Toronto is Wolfgang Droege. Droege has been active in the Canadian far right since the 1970s when he worked in both the Toronto based Western Guard and later with the Canadian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, where he rose to become the number two man in the national organization. Droege is a friend and "racial comrade" of both David Duke, the former KKK leader turned racist politician and U.S. Presidential candidate, and Tom Metzger, leader of the violent California-based White Aryan Resistance (WAR).

The Heritage Front was founded in 1988 when Droege and other white supremacists left the racist Nationalist Party of Canada. The Front bases itself on the National Association for the Advancement of White People, the organization formed by David Duke after leaving the Klan. The NAAWP presented itself not as a

white supremacist organization but as a "white separatist" group concerned with "equal rights for whites".

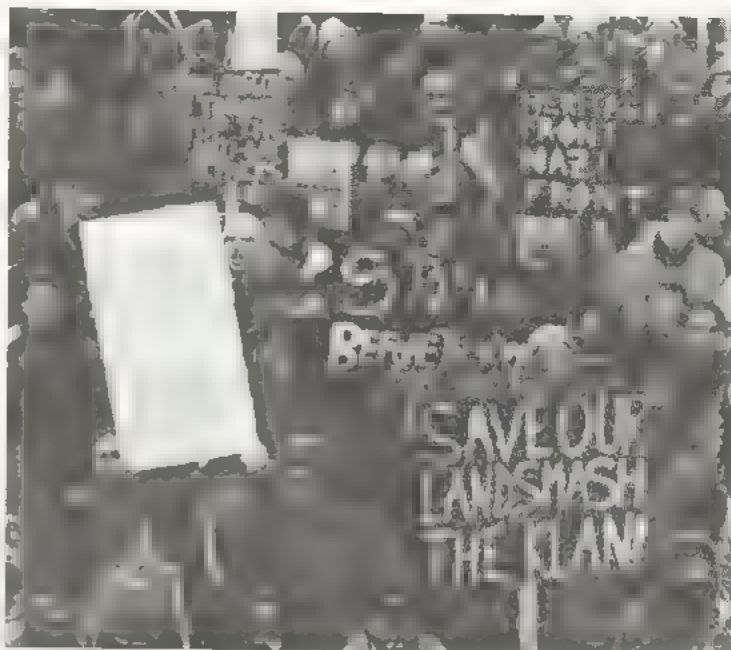
"Equal rights for whites" has become a popular slogan used by the right to justify attacks on the traditional targets of white supremacy. Under this banner, groups such as the Heritage Front denounce women's rights, non-white immigration, lesbian & gay rights, Native land rights and educational curriculum which stresses anti-racism or tells the history of Nazi Germany and the Holocaust - all of which in their minds adds up to a conspiracy to destroy the white race. Like the NAAWP, the Front hides the blatantly racist and anti-Semitic rhetoric of the past behind rants against immigration laws, crime, lesbian & gay rights, affirmative action, perceived attacks on (their) free speech, anti-racists, etc. in hopes of appealing to existing prejudices in white Canadian society.

The Heritage Front runs a telephone hotline which is used to broadcast verbal attacks against the communities which don't fit into their world vision - communities which in reality represent just about all of us. It also plays an essential role in recruitment as the initial public contact point for unaffiliated racists and fascists in the region. The Heritage Front also publish a monthly magazine called Upfront which carries articles by both Front members and fascist organizations in the U.S. and Europe. It even boasts a regular column by David Duke. The Front holds several secret rallies a year often featuring prominent KKK and neo-nazi leaders and Holocaust deniers from the U.S. and Europe. (The meetings are not advertised for fear of a massive anti-racist response, such as that organized by ARA in November 1992 which shut down a HF gathering.)

Despite their claims of merely seeking "free speech" and "open debate", the Heritage Front has time and time again revealed its true violent nature. In June 1993, three Front members, including Droege and his henchman Pete Mitrevski, were arrested on assault and weapons charges following an attempted assault of anti-racists. (An attempt which sent several fascists to hospital.) The other Front member arrested, Chris Newhook, has already been convicted and is now serving a 12 month sentence. Another Front dunder, Elise Hatagan, is facing charges of distributing hate material targeting the Black community.

Droege himself has already done prison time in the U.S. for his racist activities, including three years for his part in an attempted neo-nazi armed invasion of the island of Dominica, which was intended to establish a base for the international fascist movement. One of Droege's responsibilities after the invasion was to have been running a cocaine processing plant.

The flip side to the Heritage Front's "soft" image is the Church of the Creator (COTC), perhaps the most violent neo-nazi organization in North America. The COTC has chapters in the U.S., Canada, Europe and South Africa and is known for paramilitary training and



Anti-Fascist Demonstration Organized By ARA On January 25/93

using violent attacks as part of its efforts to make the earth a "whites-only" planet.

The "church" part of the organization is based upon the teachings of the millionaire racist and one time Ontario-resident, Ben Klassen (who took the Hitler-thing full circle in August 1993 by committing suicide). Klassen wrote the "White Man's Bible" which serves as the ideological/"spiritual" basis for COTC. It provides a "religious" excuse for their violence and hatred by teaching that white people alone are made in the image of god and that all other races (or "mud races" as they call them) are inferior.

The Toronto COTC is the organization's main representative in Canada and among the most important chapters internationally. COTC people from the Toronto/Hamilton area have played major roles in the international leadership and the most popular COTC rock band, RaHoWa (short for Racial Holy War), is based here. RaHoWa and other COTC bands are crucial in fundraising for their violent racist activities and in recruiting young people and skinheads as stormtroopers. The concerts pump up the bonehead fans with violent hatred and "siege heils", often resulting in assaults on the public after the shows let out. In June 1993, Heritage Front skinhead Jason Hoolans brutally assaulted a Tamil man after a RaHoWa gig, leaving the man partially paralysed.

Local COTC boss and RaHoWa "singer" George Burdi (aka Rev. Eric Hawthorne) recently helped found a Detroit-based record label called Resistance Records to make and distribute neo-nazi recordings across North America and Europe. The label's first release is a RaHoWa compact disc entitled "Declaration of War".

The Toronto COTC also boasts a Security Legion (or "White Barrels"), a group of skinheads who train in martial arts and weapons and provide security for many neo-nazi events in the city. Toronto media recently identified Eric Fischer, a former sergeant in the Canadian Airborne Regiment, as the leader and trainer of the Security Legion. Eric, along with his brother and fellow Security Legions member, Elkar (another Airborne veteran), were arrested during the summer of 1993 with a third COTC bonehead for kidnapping a Heritage Front member, assaulting him, and threatening to kill him by injecting him with window cleaner. Another Security Legions member, Richard Manley, was recently sentenced to nine months in prison for illegal possession of weapons and ammunition. (He's another Airborne veteran... coincidence???)

The fact that the HF and COTC apparently use

different methods does not reflect a split but an attempt to build a broad racist front attracting all manner of potential recruits, from older bigots to younger militants. Not only do Burdi and Droege associate openly, but Burdi is often a prominent figure at Heritage Front rallies, where he either speaks or performs with his band. In April 1993, Burdi appeared with Droege at an Ottawa press conference announcing the launch of the Heritage Front's Ottawa chapter. It's apparent that Burdi (who was arrested for the May 1993 assault of an Ottawa anti-racist) is effectively the number two man in the HF.

The Heritage Front also acts as a front for the movement. As a public organization, unlike the secretive COTC, the Heritage Front is a contact point for newly initiated racists and fascists who can later be directed towards more violent groups.

The primary recruiting ground for both these organizations is young white people. It is from these ranks that the fascists, as they have done in Europe, hope to draw their stormtroopers. In this effort, local high schools have become one of the major political battle grounds of the 1990s.

On The Prowl

Anti-Racist Action (ARA) formed in the Fall of 1992 to organize a street level presence to oppose the growth of the fascist movement in Toronto. The primary impetus came from young people, many of them high school students. Their main objectives were to oppose the neo-nazi presence in both the political and social arenas. The former was to take place in the high schools, where the Heritage Front were and are actively recruiting young people. The latter was to confront them in clubs, bars and other social arenas where skin-heads and neo-nazi bands were beginning to build a presence and to physically attack people of colour, anti-racists and punks.

While the focus was clearly on youth organizing, ARA also set about to explore new and creative methods of organizing and to expand the boundaries of the traditional forms of protest in Toronto. The young activists saw the need to challenge what they saw as depressing, disempowering, and ultimately ineffective modes of protest which the left has fallen into. ARA aimed to move away from boring pickets in front of faceless buildings and instead build a militant street level movement to fight grassroots fascism which would at the same time work in coalition with other groups around broader issues.

Along with the critique of the mobilization strategies of the left, ARA also incorporates an inherent challenge to traditional political dogmas. Distrust of old-style ideological restrictions led to the creation of a political perspective which, in essence, borrows from the best of many traditions. Elements from anarchism, marxism, the German Autonomes, First Nations organizing, and popular culture are synthesized within ARA to create a political perspective which speaks to the people involved and allows the group to look beyond the constraints of any one tradition to attempt to create a new way of working politically.

A central element to the overall ARA approach is the cultivation of an anti-racist/anti-fascist counterculture. This has proceeded primarily through the organizing of regular Rock Against Racism concerts and also weekend parties, as well as the creation of an ARA "style". The group also actively circulates buttons and T-shirts [the group's motto is "On The Prowl" and their logo

is a tiger leaping on a swastika]. ARA has recognized that one of the main attractions which the nazis have for young people is the sense of both rebelliousness and community which such organizations provide. The nazis certainly recognize this dynamic, which is why they have put so much effort into developing neo-nazi bands as recruiting instruments. ARA realizes that if it is to be effective politically, it also has to be "hip".

Few young people are attracted to fascist organizations on the basis of ideology alone. Most are attracted to the cultural scene first, through the music, parties, or friends and only later drawn into the movement and its ideas. Rather than ignore this reality, ARA has actively sought to promote a compelling, vibrant, and fun culture of resistance to attract young people and provide an alternative to the nazis. At the same time, the providing of an active social element to a political organization helps not only to keep activists and others interested but also provides a forum for people to build up the friendship and trust necessary for effective political work.

ARA demonstrations have been more militant and confrontational than has traditionally been the case in Toronto. The events have consistently drawn large

nazis to walk past and into the front doors of the court. Several demonstrators required brief hospitalization.

During the media circus which followed, both Police Chief William McCormack and Metro Police Services Board chair Susan Eng admitted in the press that the reason the nazis were not taken in through one of the four alternative entrances was because Droege demanded to be taken in the main doors (which raises the question of who is actually giving the order for police to attack anti-racists?).

Inside the courtroom itself, police continued their attacks by assaulting members of the American Indian Movement who were acting as security for Native Centre representative, Rodney Bobiwash. AIM members were thrown to the floor by police and handcuffed after they intervened to protect Bobiwash from an assault by Heritage Front supporters. After the demonstration, two ARA members were arrested on their way home on bogus charges of assaulting police, one for allegedly throwing an egg the other for spitting. (The two anti-fascists, one of whom was a minor at the time of the incident, were eventually convicted of lesser charges and received probation).

The persons targeted for arrest are significant. Both were on the front line of the demonstration and played active roles in repelling the horse charge, and one was also the final public ARA speaker at the demonstration dispersal point.

Despite the police attack and the arrests, most saw the demonstration as a huge success. Not only did anti-racists outnumber the nazis by more than ten to one, but the attack clearly revealed on which side the police stood. The aftermath of the 25th also revealed on which side other anti-racist organizations fall in a crisis.

On January 27th, both the Human Rights League of B'nai Brith and the Canadian Jewish Congress denounced the demonstration in the media. Karen Mock, national spokesperson for B'nai Brith, accused ARA of "jumping on a bandwagon and using this high profile anti-racist initiative to attempt to create disorder and

take the law in their own hands."

Gerda Frieberg of the CJC stated that "The Canadian Jewish Congress does not support these kind of actions." It was clear to some that the self-serving media ploy by B'nai Brith and CJC was intended more to solidify and justify their own close working relationships with police rather than advance the anti-racist movement. Indeed, recent revelations in the U.S. of Anti-Defamation League (B'nai Brith's U.S. counterpart) collaboration with the San Francisco Police Department in spying on progressive and leftist organizations should certainly make committed anti-racists in Toronto wary of that organization's true political goals.

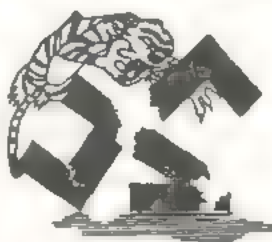
The denunciation by these organizations was also significant in that it played directly to the police and media propaganda line of separating "legitimate" anti-racist groups from "illegitimate" ones, thereby hoping to criminalize ARA and justify unprovoked police violence against the demonstration. However, much of that attempt was derailed in the community, if not in the press itself, by the fact that such "legitimate" groups as the Native Canadian Centre and the Montreal-based Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice (as well as representatives from the Black community, women's movement, and labour movement) supported ARA completely and publicly denounced the police's actions.

Although ARA continued to organize actions fol-

SMASH THE NAZI FRONT

On January 25 neo-nazi hate groups will march on a Human Rights hearing to intimidate and silence those who speak out against racism and hatred. Anti-racists will gather at the south end of Queen's Park at 8:15 a.m. to march on the courts and confront Toronto's fascist movement.

The Heritage Front's telephone hotline is facing a challenge under the Ontario Human Rights Code.



NO to racism, NO to fascism, NEVER AGAIN ANTI-RACIST ACTION

numbers and their atmosphere of anger and a willingness to meet the fascists face-to-face have both intimidated the neo-nazis while attracting the attention of the police and the press.

For example, a large and determined demonstration in November 1992 outside a "secret" Heritage Front meeting at the Roma Restaurant caused the police to shut the meeting down. Angry nazis were forced to flee under police protection while at the same time trying to avoid the hail of eggs thrown at them by the demonstrators.

A January 25, 1993 demonstration called outside a Toronto courthouse was to be a pivotal moment in shaping the organization. The Canadian Human Rights Commission has been in the process of hearing a complaint brought by the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto against the Front's telephone hotline. An announced fascist march on the courthouse in support of the Heritage Front was met by an ARA demonstration of over 500 people who blocked the main doors to the building.

Rather than take the small contingent of nazis into the courthouse through the back door, the police instead chose to charge the anti-racists from two sides. Mounted police rode into the front line of the demonstration, trampling people and whacking them with riding crops, while officers on foot rushed into one side, kicking and punching anti-racists as they did so. The "reason" for the attack was to move the ARA demonstration to allow the

Following the January 25th police attack, including demonstrations against local school teacher Paul Fromm, who has been active in the Toronto far-Right for the past 25 years, the next major event did not occur until June 11th.

Behind The Front

While the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator maintain publicly that they are not violent groups but are merely interested in open debate on the issues, their behaviour to date reveals quite the opposite. In response to community action on many levels against the HF and COTC, the nazis have slowly been waging an escalating terror campaign against anti-racists. This campaign has primarily manifested itself in patterns of harassment and intimidation, but has recently moved into violent physical attacks.

The campaign began in the fall of 1992. On the night of November 28th, nazis painted swastikas outside several prominent anti-racist targets in Toronto including the Native Canadian Centre and a socialist bookstore. Other targets hit at that same time which were not mentioned in media reports were KYTES, a community theatre and employment centre in Kensington Market which at that time was serving as ARA's regular meeting place, as well as the home of an ARA member.

This was followed quite quickly by a campaign of harassing and later threatening phone calls to some ARA members. While several people received calls, the fascists chose to concentrate their efforts against women. This targeting of women has been their pattern since that time, an obvious reflection of their inherent misogyny. While men have received calls, the harassment for the most part has not been of the same violent intensity as that against women and has not continued past a period of two weeks.

One woman was also targeted physically for surveillance, and the nazis placed people in cars outside her home to follow her and track her movements, who she met with, etc. Another woman was the subject of a racist flyer containing attacks against the Black community while listing her name, address, and phone number as the contact person for the fictitious white supremacist group which claimed authorship of the flyer. The intention was to give the false impression that the anti-racist activist was a nazi and thereby subject her to harassment from members of the community.

These attacks soon escalated from intimidation tactics to physical assault and arson. During the spring a campaign of terror was waged against Youthlink, two shelters for young women. Early in 1993 a Heritage Front member who was a resident of the shelter was ejected by the staff for intimidating other residents by wearing nazi paraphernalia and bringing racist materials into the shelter.

The nazis responded to this by launching a series of homophobic attacks against Youthlink staff on their hotline. A campaign of threatening phone calls and physical surveillance of staff ensued which eventually culminated in an arson attack against one of the shelters in late March. A staff member was also assaulted in her home by skinheads. During that same period, a member of the Black Action Defence Committee (the main Toronto group organizing against police racism and violence) was attacked by five nazis one evening after leaving the BADC office.

In our analysis, this slow and deliberate escalation of violence is not haphazard but calculated. The slow escalation has two identifiable goals for the movement. The first is to test the response of police. The nazis need to see how far they can push things before feeling pressure from law enforcement. Thus far, the fascists have received little or no interest from police in regards to these attacks. The Heritage Front is also testing the resolve of anti-racist forces, again to see what the response will be from the left. Unfortunately, apart from a few significant solidarity links being made between anti-racist and other

community organizations, the response has similarly been quiet.

The second goal for the fascists is simply practice. We know that the nazis engage in various forms of physical and paramilitary training both in the Toronto area and with contacts in the U.S. This slow escalation is allowing their stormtroopers to put their training into practice in increasingly violent scenarios. This again allows the fascists to test their own capabilities and the commitment of different individuals, while also learning and preparing for what they see as the soon to begin Racial Holy War. As the summer grew closer, the nazis began to dramatically increase the level of violence. As mentioned earlier, in April the Heritage Front announced the formation of an Ottawa chapter. The inaugural event of the Ottawa HF was to be a "Rock for Racism" concert to be held on May 29th featuring Canadian Neo-nazi bands RaHoWa and Arym.

Anti-racists in Ottawa quickly began to mobilize against the proposed concert, eventually forming a coalition among various groups. ARA was invited to send a delegation from Toronto, and about 50 anti-fascists made the trip by bus. Despite gathering a crowd of 600 to confront the nazis, the liberalism and collaboration with police on the part of some of the coalition organizers plagued the action from the start (the specifics of which are discussed later). This conflict between liberal and militant elements among the demonstrators eventually led to a situation where many of the people wanting to confront the nazis and close down the concert were abandoned by the demo organizers, resulting in violent attacks on the few local anti-racists left behind at the scene. Skinheads brutally beat several demonstrators, hospitalizing half a dozen. The hundred nazis present then marched on the Canadian Parliament building where leader Droege announced to the "seig heiling" crowd that one day these buildings would be theirs.

The Heritage Front and COTC clearly saw the events of May 29th as a victory which provided a major boost to their morale. They crowed about their victory in Ottawa over their hotline for days and there was a marked increase in violent neo-nazi attacks in Toronto, particularly directed against the Tamil community. The week following Ottawa, a Heritage Front skinhead named Jason Hoolans brutally beat a Tamil man outside a Toronto restaurant, resulting in the man's being hospitalized and partially paralysed. Hoolans was on his way home from a RaHoWa gig in the north of the city when the attack occurred.

Shut 'Em Down

It was in this context of increasing violence and displays of bravado by the neo-nazis that ARA's next action took place. A demonstration was called for June 11th to march on a neo-nazi centre of operations. The actual destination of the demo was unknown except to a few ARA organizers. The rationale for the secret destination was a tactical one - if ARA announced the exact destination, the demonstrators would most likely encounter not only a sizeable and armed contingent of skinheads but also an even more sizeable and better armed contingent of police. Rather than tangle with cops on horseback again, ARA chose a different strategy.

Organizers chose as the meeting place a commu-

REACT TO FASCIST ATTACKS SHUT 'EM DOWN

Over 500 hate crimes are committed every year in Toronto. White supremacists are showing their ugly face - and violent acts by local Nazis are escalating.

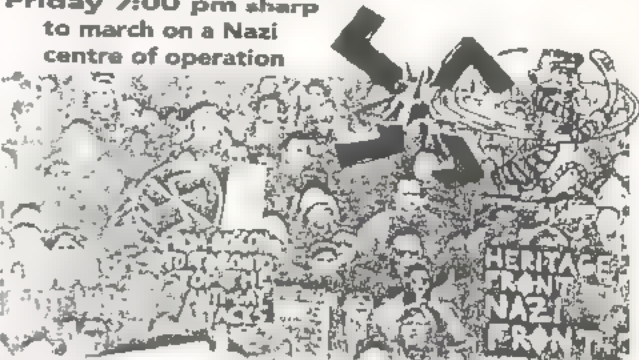
For example:

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- ASSAULT: Five-on-one physical attack on Black community activist
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nity centre only four blocks south of the home of prominent nazi publisher Ernst Zundel. Zundel's home is a well known location in the city and, as one of the main suppliers of hate material internationally, his home/office is of major significance to both fascists and anti-fascists. Because of the location of the meeting place, dozens of police gathered outside Zundel's house (which had been covered in plastic by its owner to protect it from the expected onslaught of eggs and paint bombs.) Fifty or more skinheads were also present to "defend Zundel's house" from anti-fascist attack - an attack which never materialized when, to the surprise and outrage of the cops and nazis, the ARA demonstration piled onto streetcars and headed east to the home of Gary Schipper - the voice of the Heritage Front headline.

As the phalanx of 300 demonstrators marched up the residential street, ARA marshals passed out information flyers to the participants identifying the still secret site and the reasons for the action. Other ARA people went door-to-door to pass out similar flyers containing Schipper's photo and address to the residents of the largely immigrant neighbourhood and explain to them the intentions of the demonstration.

After reaching the house, with eggs flying through the air, a dozen or more demonstrators expressed their outrage in a more direct fashion by rushing the house and smashing windows. After the direct action was over, and the speeches had been completed, the demonstration withdrew from the neighbourhood. In one instant, the fight had been taken right to the nazis' door in a way that had not occurred anywhere else in Canada. The implications for the fascists were clear - we knew who they were, we knew their faces, we knew where they lived and where they met, and we would not be intimidated by their violence.

A controlled expression of community anger had been accomplished, one which made that anger and resolve clear in a direct and militant fashion, yet one so controlled and disciplined on the part of demonstrators that no other residents' property was damaged. No parked cars were touched, no other homes were touched, no gardens were trampled - only one building was the target, and that target was identified and dealt with.

Because the Zundel bluff was so effective, no nazis were there and so few cops that the demonstrators were allowed to enter and leave the neighbourhood without incident (Except for Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege appearing in his car with 5 skinheads to verbally threaten demonstrators waiting to disperse afterwards. Mr Droege received a smashed windshield for his efforts and his small gang quickly sped away.)

Late that evening - in a poorly planned and executed attempt at retaliation - a gang of thirty skinheads armed with baseball bats converged on a popular club frequented by ARA people and other anti-racists. The location was doubly significant in that the club itself had been a popular nazi hang-out until they were driven out by local anti-racists a few months earlier.

Despite being outnumbered three to one, the few anti-racists present defended themselves and chased the skinheads out. Several nazis, including leader Droege, were beaten and hospitalized. Droege was later to be arrested and charged with aggravated assault on one of two anti-racists seriously injured. Also arrested that night was another Heritage Front leader named Pete Mitrevski and a skinhead named Chris Newhook. Newhook has since been convicted of assaulting police and possession of a dangerous weapon (a baseball bat with "SS" carved into it) and was sentenced to twelve months.

The response to the events of June 11th was swift from all directions. The media, as could be expected, had a field day condemning ARA as terrorists adopting the same tactics as the fascists, etc, etc. However, what separated this action from January 25th, at least in the media, was that no non-governmental anti-racist organization dared publicly denounce ARA or the June 11th action. While this did not stop various columnists from venting their misplaced moral outrage for several weeks following the demo, it did make the criticisms ring quite hollow when even the most conservative of anti-racist groups would not join the reporters' crusade.

A sampling of the public comments by other anti-racists went:

"Extrema...but justified" - Dudley Laws, Black Action Defense Committee

"The problem is... the police and the attorney general's office have not been co-operating. They haven't used legislation as a means to stop hate-mongering. Young people... understandably get very frustrated and wrongly take the law into their own hands. I really hold the people who are in the position of authority responsible at this point because they have chosen to do nothing [about hate crimes]." - Bernie Farber, Canadian Jewish Congress

"If the rallying cry for all anti-racists is 'Never Again' then no one is pressing this at the moment any more than activist groups such as ARA. If Canadian governmental authority proves to be as incapable in stemming racially motivated crime and fascist political organization as the German governments of the 30s and today, then the unthinkable resurgence of organized Nazism may be literally at our doorstep. The unfortunate excesses of the June 11 rally may be cause for some concern, but it does not begin to compare in significance or gravity with such an eventuality." - Roger Hollander, Metro Councillor

"It is the Heritage Front, Church of the Creator and other racist groups that have carried on a violent campaign of intimidation over the last several months - all the while proclaiming their virtue...Anti-racists are responding to

a wave of violence created by racists. While the merits and demerits of property damage can be debated, it is far from the deadly and physical violence of the Front." - Rodney Bobiwash, Klanbusters

It was interesting in that the most vociferous opposition and denunciation of ARA after June 11th came from more progressive sectors of the community, mainly revolving (whether admitted or not) around the question of militancy.

This kind of criticism is an unfortunate tradition of the North American left. It seems that all too many are comfortable in supporting militancy everywhere but their own backyards. This tendency was certainly obvious in the response of the left to the development of

tively confrontational.

ARA recognizes that doing anti-fascist work is unlike most other political struggles in the Canadian context (outside of Native Territory) in that there is a very real element of physical retaliation - in this case by nazis. Rather than choose the easy path of staging irrelevant picket lines which present no threat to fascist organizing, ARA chooses to take the fight right to the nazis - in the schools, in nazi socializing places, at their meetings, at their homes. Because of this strategy, ARA demonstrations cannot be social events because of the need for the security

Unlike any other organizations in the city, ARA demonstrators march in ranks with their arms linked to help strengthen the formation and ensure that there are no

people left isolated and vulnerable - to police intimidation, arrest, nazi attack, or fascist surveillance. ARA also takes a defensive marshalling strategy. While most Canadian demonstrations have marshals in place to protect property from demonstrators so that their cause is not "discredited" by the actions of some "unruly elements", ARA's marshals are there to protect the body of the demonstration against attack - whether that comes from the nazis or police. The marshals are also there to prevent surveillance from fascists (who, as elsewhere, like to show up and videotape and photograph anti-racists).

Some critics denounced ARA for allowing such expressions of militancy to occur at all - for not holding back activists who felt the need to take more direct forms of action. In a community statement issued by ARA to respond to such critiques it was stated:

"During the demonstration, some anti-racist protestors struck back against Gary Schupper and the Heritage Front. Paint bombs and rocks were thrown at his residence and windows were broken. Although these acts of vandalism were not planned by ARA, our group allows people to express their anger against fascism and white supremacy as they see fit. We do not police anti-racists."

In the aftermath of the demonstration, four anti-racists were arrested on charges of mischief to property and disguising with the intention of committing an indictable offense. The arrests of the four did not occur on the site of the demonstration but happened arbitrarily over the ensuing two weeks. One woman was arrested at a local radio station after representing ARA on a call-in show. Two others were picked-up while attending a subsequent anti-racist demonstration. Despite being arrested on different dates and in different parts of the city,

all four were picked up by the same two undercover officers, indicating a coordinated police effort to identify and target ARA activists.

The bail conditions imposed on the four were clearly politically motivated and intended to curtail their anti-racist activism. The initial conditions (most of which have since been changed through legal challenges) included non-association with other members of ARA; barring from attendance at ARA or other anti-racist meetings, and barring from attendance at any demonstration in the entire province of Ontario. These conditions are more restrictive than those given to Heritage Front and COTC members charged with aggravated assault, forcible confinement and weapons offenses.

The action against Schupper's house on June 11th occurred as a direct response to an escalation of fascist violence and public organizing. As such, the action succeeded in accomplishing several goals, both through the

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ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FASCISTS DENY ANY SPACE FOR THEM IN TORONTO

armed organizations in the U.S. and Canada during the 1970s and 1980s. (See Ward Churchill's essay "Pacifism as Pathology" in *Issues in Radical Therapy* for an excellent analysis of this phenomenon.) Indeed, it seems pathetic commentary on the Canadian left (and on the level of self-policing done by Canadian progressive movements) that a bit of egg throwing and a few broken windows are seen as acts of violence. As was said to one ARA critic by a South Asian comrade, "It's only within the confines set by the white Canadian left that June 11th can be seen as a violent demonstration."

The unfortunate fact is that for most leftists in Canada, demonstrations have become social events. They are forums for people to come together, meet their friends, chat while the speeches are going on and then leave in groups for the nearest bar after (and often before) the demo has finished. ARA's demonstrations consciously challenge this comfortable norm by being ac-

demonstrate itself and the resulting tactical mistake made in response - namely attempting the mass assault against ARA people later that evening. The assault attempt failed miserably on two levels: 1) the fascists were humiliated in their attempt to boost morale and look tough after being fooled by a classic "bait and switch" and 2) it resulted in the arrests of two key Front leaders. The main effects of the day's events was to force the nazis to turn their organizing inward rather than towards expansion. Planned summer recruiting drives were put on hold due to the legal restrictions placed on some of their key activists following their arrests. Funding for a planned national summer tour by RaHoWa and the opening of a public office space was eaten up by bail costs and lawyer fees.

Despite the critiques of some about June 11th action, this single event and its aftermath was responsible for the significant decrease in fascist activity and violence during the past four months.

Policing The Crisis?

As always, the role of the police and the intervention of state agencies within a political struggle is multi-faceted and often difficult to negotiate both internally and externally in the broader movement. This is no less true in anti-fascist organizing in Toronto. An analysis of the police approach to the movements, both racist and anti-racist, is essential to begin to develop effective strategies.

While the problem of police interference in political organizing is not a new one, it must be understood that the police play a particular dynamic within the context of anti-fascist work which is quite different than in other struggles. This is because in other progressive or radical movements, the question of involving the police as a potential "ally" within the struggle is non-existent. Whether it is organizing around such issues of institutionalized racism, sexism, and homophobia or domestic and foreign policies of the Canadian government, it is clearly recognized that the police as an institution play no potential positive role in advancing the cause.

This is unfortunately not the case with anti-fascist organizing. The activities of neo-nazi groups are by definition violent, whether through actual physical attacks or by the implied threat which their presence presents to those communities which have historically been targets of fascism. Their organizing also involves illegal activities, from relatively minor incidents of vandalism to more serious acts of violence including assault, arson, paramilitary training and murder. Because of this reality, many anti-racists see the police as an option against neo-nazis.

This double vision with regards to the police is both problematic and dangerous. While most are quick to recognize police violence and direct hostility, as was demonstrated during the demonstration on January 25th (with the exception elements of the "legitimate" and conservative anti-racist movement), there remains a strong trend which looks towards legal "remedies" for white supremacy. This trend takes the form not only of desires for stronger laws against hate group activities, but in particular looking towards police for protection.

The willingness to look to police as a strategy usually falls along clear lines of race and class. Certainly those individuals and communities who have not traditionally suffered at the hands of police are more likely to view them as "protectors" rather than oppressors. Therefore it has usually been the anti-racist groups representing these privileged interests which have been urging residents to call police when they encounter racist activity in their community. One Ontario government anti-racism organization has even gone so far as to publish a pamphlet which argues the "call police" strategy while printing on the cover a photo of ARA's January 25th demonstration (without permission, I might add) where mounted police attacked anti-racists to protect neo-nazis.

However, one need only look at the police's atti-

tudes and actions to date to see quite clearly that they are much more interested in attacking and criminalizing anti-racists than they are neo-nazis. While the mounted police attack against ARA and police assault of AIM members on January 25th is the most blatant example of this, we can go further in revealing the clear pattern of police indifference to fascist attacks.

The most obvious aspect of the police approach is the clear double-standard used in investigating nazis and anti-racists. The police have demonstrated time and time again their desire to shelter Wolfgang Droege and the Heritage Front as an organization from the supposedly "random" and "unconnected" acts of their supporters. In the two most violent incidents to date, the 1992 bombing of the Toronto Morgentaler abortion clinic and the 1993 firebombing of Youthlink, the police have allowed Droege's denials of HF involvement to stand at face value.

In the Morgentaler case, neo-nazi graffiti stating "Peace, Love & White Power" along with the Heritage Front's telephone number was painted on a large wall directly across the street from the bombed clinic. The graffiti was done sometime between 1:00am and 4:00am (the approximate time of the blast) on the night of the bombing. The connection to most would seem quite clear. However, the media revealed that police investigators interviewed Droege and essentially accepted his claim that the Heritage Front was not involved.

Over a year later, police have still not made any arrests despite admitting in the press that the perpetrators were videotaped by the clinic's security system. Certainly the history of state and police attacks against the left reveals that a similar set of circumstances involving a right-wing or government target would have resulted in mass repression. In that case, it seems that if Droege were a leftist he would have been answering questions from a jail cell, assumed guilty until proven innocent. In a similar manner, Droege was allowed to shrug off any involvement or responsibility for the arson attack at Youthlink. While admitting to a Toronto magazine that the Heritage Front did wage a homophobic campaign against the shelter on their hotline, he says that his group had no hand in nor responsibility for the attack. Again this claim to be "uninvolved" has apparently been accepted by the police, who are choosing to ignore a months long, sophisticated and coordinated campaign of harassment and surveillance of the shelter and its employees. This clearly was not the work of a "lone nut", and the police's apparent readiness to accept it as such is yet another demonstration of their unwillingness to go after the fascists as organizations but instead to individualize attacks which are clearly coordinated. Police have even refused to fully investigate the assaulting of a Youthlink staffer by skinheads, choosing instead to charge the woman herself for filing a false complaint!

In each case, "investigators" seem unwilling or uninterested in uncovering connections and links to the Heritage Front or other organizations, but prefer to operate on the basis that the perpetrator is acted in isolation. Yet, at the same time as they shrug off interest in the hierarchy and organizational structure of the Right, the police seem quite interested in identifying such areas in the anti-racist movement.

In fact, instead of being committed to prosecuting neo-nazis, it has been the pattern to date that the police have a much greater interest in investigating ARA. The placement (and later expulsion) of a known agent provocateur early in the organization's life was one indication of state intentions towards the group (a provocateur who now spends his time spreading accusations of homophobia and queer-bashing against ARA in an attempt to drive wedges between the group and the lesbian and gay

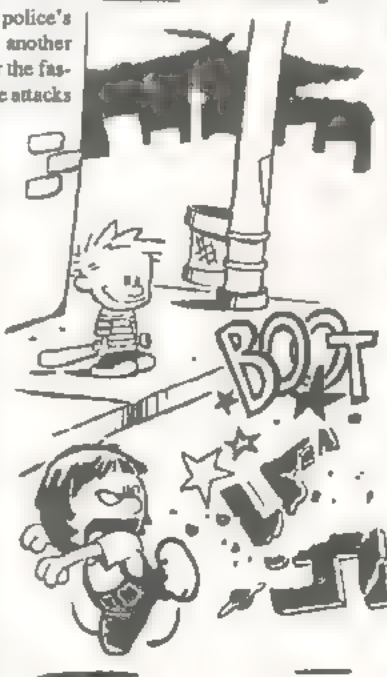
community, a community from which ARA has drawn some of its strongest participation and support). Subsequent events involving the actual prosecution of a high profile Heritage Front spokesperson have been even more revealing. This case has demonstrated concretely that any move by anti-racists to lay charges or make reports to police merely opens the door for police intelligence gathering on the organization and its membership.

Blaise Hategan (aka Deschner) was to face trial in June 1993 on charges of inflammatory libel against a local anti-racist and distributing hate literature. [Editorial Note: Since the writing of this article Hategan's trial date had been moved to 93/11/24. At this time it was revealed that she had defected from the HF. She is now passing information about HF activities and attacks to anti-racist groups and police.] She was being accused of distributing the earlier mentioned racist flyer intended to paint an anti-racist activist as a nazi. Interestingly, the police "investigation" of Hategan, as evidenced through their interviews of other anti-racists called as witnesses in the case, consisted primarily of police attempts to obtain the names of other anti-racist activists and trace structures and chains of communication within the movement.

The case itself provides an ideal cover for such a ruse, for it gives the police authority to subpoena anti-racists and interview them about their work while hiding such probing behind the facade of "prosecuting hate crimes". In fact, it is the suspicion of many that the recent creation of the much publicized "Hate Crimes Unit" within the Metro Police is in itself nothing more than a cover to gather intelligence on the anti-racist movement.

Hategan has been allowed to associate with known members of the Heritage Front in direct contravention of her bail conditions. In fact, in one incident she appeared at an ARA demonstration in a car with known leaders of the Heritage Front and COTC. This situation was immediately noticed by Rodney Bobiwash of the Native Centre. Knowing that the violation should immediately result in her re-arrest and revocation of bail, he notified the officer commanding the police presence at the demonstration, who replied "I don't care." This incident speaks volumes to the reluctance of the police to truly prosecute neo-nazis and to the illegitimacy of the police investigation against Hategan.

The interviewing and subpoenaing of activists continues despite the fact that Hategan has apparently admitted to distributing the



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flyer and will presumably pursue a defence based on freedom of speech. It is also significant that by calling anti-racists as witnesses, and thereby revealing their identities to the court and to the nazis, the police are knowingly opening up these individuals for harassment. The conjecture is that such a decision is calculated to place these individuals in jeopardy so that the police can 1) gather intelligence on the fascists by using the anti-racists as "bait", and 2) hope that individuals will turn to the police for protection, thereby creating an opportunity for further intelligence gathering on the anti-racist movement.

These suspicions were reinforced during the pre-trial hearing in October when Hategan's attorney cross examined one of the anti-racist witnesses. Lawyer Harry Doan (who is defending most of the nazis facing charges in the city) spent most of his time asking questions about ARA's organizing - the names of activists, the names of the organizers of the January 25th and June 11th demonstrations, etc. While obviously unrelated to the charges against Hategan, the Crown prosecutor did not object to this line of questioning. The witness was unable to provide Doan with the information he wanted.

Unfortunately, the unwillingness of some to see use of the police as being at best a tactical decision in certain situations rather than a parental-type figure to protect us from bullies is problematic and dangerous. Indeed, people who will go to the police out of trust and reformist beliefs in the system are dangerous for any radical organization which constitutes itself in opposition to that very system. These are often the people who will, perhaps unwittingly, do the job of the police by speaking openly about membership and strategies in some misguided sense that the police, while problematic on some levels, are allies against the nazis. The evidence to date shows us exactly the opposite.

When Opportunism Knocks

Because of the early successes of ARA, the organization inevitably sparked the interest of various Trotskyist and Marxist-Leninist political parties who began to flock to ARA like moths to a bright light. Unfortunately, it soon became obvious that most were involved not to work honestly against the neo-nazi presence in Toronto but instead to forward the goals of their own organizations.

As has been the experience of many groups who have tried to do political work around various issues, the presence of these party organizations soon becomes an obstacle to building the organization as a whole. The International Socialists (I.S.) in particular played a prominent role in opposing every demonstration (except one) that was ever undertaken by ARA against the far right, while at the same time trying to push through their own proposals which better suited the ends of their party. This behaviour was later discovered to be in keeping with their own political mandate to provide "revolutionary leadership" to organizations of "movements", who while presumably understanding their own issue, did not have the same vision and understanding of the party on how to defeat the state.

Eventually, after several months of attempting to work in good faith, the International Socialists were voted out of ARA by a 2/3 majority of ARA members. This had the result of causing all the other Trotskyist and Marxist-Leninist parties to leave the group en masse in support of the I.S. While this on the whole was positive in that it saved ARA the similarly obstructionist and opportunist behaviour of the other groups, such as the Trotskyist League and the Bolshevik Tendency, it also caused the loss of a few individual comrades who had risen above their party's dogma to do principled and solid work within ARA.

I.S. attempts to denounce ARA did not cease after their expulsion, but continue in various forms. During the Ottawa demonstration in May, it was the I.S. contingent who actively collaborated with the police against militant

demonstrators. I.S. marshals tipped off the cops to an attempt by ARA and other anti-racists to rush past police lines to get closer to the building where the nazi concert was being held. This tip off resulted in many of those demonstrators on the front lines being hit with pepper spray by police.

Later the I.S. marshals purposefully split the demonstration by declaring "victory" because the cops told them that the concert was going to be shut down. This declaration over the megaphones, coupled with the herding of the participants by I.S. marshals, caused more than half of the demonstrators to leave the site. Many anti-racists refused to acknowledge that any such victory existed when the sounds of the nazi bands playing could clearly be heard even outside the building. This cowardly decision to split the demonstration (and the fact that the ARA contingent of 50 who had stayed behind at the site were forced to leave at 11:00pm to catch the bus back to Toronto) left the few dedicated Ottawa activists vulnerable to the brutal skinhead attack which followed.

Before the June 11th demonstration, the I.S. had made plans to cause a disturbance at the gathering site by demanding that ARA organizers reveal the secret destination of the demonstration (this despite the fact that all the advertising for the action made it clear that, while the demonstration would be going to a neo-nazi centre of operations, the actual destination would not be known until the group arrived there). After the demonstration, in a move reminiscent of COINTELPRO-style tactics, the I.S. took part in drafting a letter condemning ARA for the "violence" of the June 11th action - a letter to which they signed the names of several organizations who, upon being contacted by ARA, had never heard of such a letter and who did not support the statements within it.

Unfortunately, it was not only groups within ARA who have demonstrated similar opportunist and patronizing attitudes towards the organization. While some in the broader left see the formation and effectiveness of ARA as a positive development, at the same time they dismiss the relevancy of anti-fascist work and maintain that ARA should be focusing on "more important" issues, which themselves vary depending upon the personal political priorities of the person being critical.

This attitude was also the basis for much of the internal problems with the International Socialists and others, who saw broader organizing against the police and the racist policies of the state as being the priority. It is unfortunate that in this way some of the most damaging attacks against the nascent anti-fascist movement have come not from the traditional enemies in the state and on the Right, but from the left itself - many more concerned with maintaining a level of "revolutionary chic" rather than doing the work necessary to forge grassroots political movements.

It is the position of many radicals that anti-fascist work is in itself irrelevant because of the relative lack of power and numbers which the neo-nazi movement commands in Canada at this time. These comrades see state and police racism as the arenas where opposition should be directed, and that "chasing nazis" is an exercise in irrelevancy. However well intended, and correct as far as its analysis of institutionalized racism, this perspective is at its base short-sighted and self-defeating.

It is argued that without the sea of mainstream racism in which to swim, that fascists and fascist movements cannot survive. Therefore, the conclusion becomes that doing work against neo-nazis is beginning at the wrong end of the problem. Again, this is a compelling argument in isolation, particularly because it is theoretically accurate. However, theoretical accuracy does not always lend itself to practical and effective political action. As was stated by Italian anti-fascist Errico Malatesta in early part of the century, "The optimum is the enemy of the good" - the never-ending search for the perfect political action all too often serves as an excuse for doing nothing at all. Indeed, if the anti-racist move-

ment in Toronto cannot strategize and mobilize effectively enough to eliminate a couple of hundred nazis, how can we realistically expect to be able to defeat racist immigration laws and police violence and other institutional monoliths?

Unfortunately, much of this criticism fails to learn from history, even recent history. As was pointed out by a Sri Lankan comrade who spent a year in Germany as a refugee in the late 1980s, the German left chose to ignore the neo-nazi movement at a moment when it was relatively small. At a time when 100,000 people would come out to a disarmament demonstration, little or no attention was being given to the "insignificant" fascist problem. Five years later, we see the terrifying results of allowing that movement to grow unopposed. Events such as Rostock, murderous and violent attacks on refugees and guest workers, and the assassination of anti-fascists are not spontaneous, but are the culmination of years of unhindered organizing. Unfortunately much of the left in Canada has chosen to ignore this lesson.

While we can take all the time we want to formulate the perfect political line and theorize the precise political moment to act, in the meantime what work has been done towards building the movements that will presumably act at that moment? Political process, political experience, and resolve to struggle come only through work, and unfortunately discussion is no substitute for action. How do we expect to inspire people after more than a decade of stunning and crushing defeats for progressive and revolutionary movements around the world?

It has to be understood that broad-based and effective political movements do not appear spontaneously, but are the result of years of struggle. This work, if it is to be realistic and successful, must begin by setting upon manageable goals and taking small victories where they can be won. It is out of the crucible of small victories - which provide experience and inspiration to a movement - that larger victories are possible.

Race And Resistance

An underlying basis for much of the criticism is the fact that ARA, with notable exceptions, is comprised primarily by white, working class youth. Criticism comes from both radicals of colour, who are sceptical of white radical organizations, and from other white radicals, who essentially believe that white people have no place initiating anti-racist work.

Both criticisms are a concern if we truly hope to forge working links against racism in society. The first criticism is certainly legitimate given the history of much of the white left in North America and Europe with replicating systems of racism and class privilege within their organizing. Indeed these problems were a significant contributor to the downfall of radical white movements in the 1960s and 1970s.

These concerns cannot be ignored, yet can be overcome through consistent and principled work, an openness to constructive criticism from people of colour, and willingness to create political alliances not based on an ill-considered integrationist approach. Ultimately this scepticism, if accepted as being legitimate and worked on in good faith, can provide the basis for a politically stronger and mutually respectful relationship, and therefore the foundations for an effective broad-based movement.

It will be the links with radicals of colour, built upon respect gained from a history of principled political work, which can prove to be the strongest and therefore most reliable in a crisis. It has been the demand of some Trotskyist/Marxist-Leninist parties involved with ARA that the organization go out and recruit people of colour to lead the organization. However, this appeal to recruitment and "building a party" is in itself both self-serving and opportunistic. The way to attract more people of colour to the organization, which is indeed a crucial and significant goal, must be accomplished through prin-

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ciplined political work and an honesty about motivation. People who come into any political organization must be there because they see opportunity, promise, and the possibilities of doing effective work in that organization.

Indeed, merely recruiting people of colour into an organization is a eurocentric, tokenistic approach which ultimately replicates systems of racism in the broader society. Recruitment not only contains an implied hierarchy but also a passivity on the part of those being recruited, which often results in the involvement of people who will be amenable to the party platform, rather than those who want to come in and challenge it for the better. It seems that the latter is always preferable if an organization is sincere about building itself politically and personally. A predominantly white anti-racist group must always be willing to challenge itself on its own racism, and a recruitment based party politic is not an effective means of doing that.

The second criticism is a concern only as much as it is centred in what is essentially a guilt-based politic. For white people to simply defer to people of colour to initiate action around issues of racism is to fundamentally deny both individual and collective historical responsibility for oppression. The effective way to take responsibility for racism is not to sit around and feel guilty and do nothing, but to work against racism in the white community. As former Black Panther Party leader Dhoruba Bin Wahad stated in a lecture in Toronto, "Racism is not a problem Black people have. It's a problem that white people have."

In fact, this is why the make-up of ARA should be seen as an advantage rather than a detriment. While older white leftists may not see the relevancy of white youth, the fascists certainly do and have made the high schools a major political battle ground. The fact that youth of all races are alienated and ignored by society is well accepted, yet until recently it was only the nazis who were capitalizing on this disenchantment to recruit among young white people. Many white radicals have chosen to ignore some of the most important lessons on the role of white people in anti-racist work as articulated by some of the most militant and articulate Black leaders, such as Assata Shakur and Angela Davis.

Such a role was articulated by Kwame Ture and Charles V. Hamilton in their book Black Power: The Politics of Liberation in America:

"One of the most disturbing things about almost all white supporters has been that they are reluctant to go into their own communities - which is where racism exists - and work to get rid of it.... It is hoped that eventually there will be a coalition of poor Blacks and poor whites... creating a poor-white power block dedicated to the goals of a free, open society - not one based on racism and subordination... The main responsibility of this task falls upon whites... Poor white people are becoming more hostile - not less - toward Black people, partly because they see the nation's attention focused on Black poverty and few, if any, people coming to them... Only whites can mobilize and organize those communities along the lines necessary and possible for effective alliances with Black communities... If the job is to be done, there must be new forms created. Thus, the political modernization process must involve the white community as well as the Black."

The fact that intelligent, articulate and radical young people are working against the recruitment in their schools, and using the nazi presence as an opportunity to get their peers involved and politically educated around broader issues of racism and oppression should be supported rather than criticised. That fact that many bring with them a distrust and disenchantment with "traditional" forms of protest and modes of political organizing is also instructional to those willing to listen and learn. Unfortunately the distrust of Leninist party organizing, disdain for meaningless picketlines in front of faceless

buildings, and desire to incorporate cultural elements of resistance into political work are all challenges to the current leftist hierarchies in the city, and many choose to dismiss ARA based upon the threat which such a perspective poses to their own relative positions of authority. Far too many leftists see young people as cannon fodder, or sheep to be herded in particular directions, rather than as equal partners in political struggle who bring much needed critique, analysis and enthusiasm to the work.

In their argument against doing anti-nazi work, these critics also misunderstand some of the most basic principles of political organizing. It must be recognized that people are not effectively organized out of guilt but out of recognition of their own interest in change. Again to quote Ture and Hamilton, we must move beyond the false "assumption that political coalitions can be sustained on a moral, friendly, sentimental basis; by appeals to conscience." Such an approach does nothing to expose and identify structures of privilege, and can all too easily lead to political dissolution. To Ture and Hamilton, viable political coalitions stem from "the recognition of the parties involved of their respective self-interests...[and]...the mutual belief that each party stands



to benefit in terms of that self-interest from allying with the other or others."

Young white people are at this time facing recruitment by nazi groups, dealing with nazi gangs in their schools and socializing places, and seeing their friends, white and non-white, being attacked by skinheads. Therefore, anti-nazi organizing speaks directly to their experiences and political needs. Obviously, political education and activism cannot stop with concern over one's own needs, but it has to start there. The birth of ARA provides the opportunity to involve a new generation of activists in anti-racist work and in radical political organizing. It provides the political support for white working class youth to organize themselves around issues of racism and oppression, which presents the opportunity of radicalizing a generation of activists. This is the promise of groups such as ARA, and the long term vision which many of its critics on the left are unwilling to see.

Moving The Movement

The terrain for developing action against the far right is a constantly changing one. The constraints at this point in time are wholly different than they were in the fall of 1992, and the movement must take this into account if it is to continue to grow and be successful. Actions which were possible during the initial phase of ARA activity are more difficult or impossible to organize successfully today. This is primarily the result of preparedness on the part of the fascists. We have to remember that before the Roma demo, the nazis had not experienced a street level response of any magnitude or intensity. This led them to a feeling of security in regards to their activity via a vis general meetings. While expecting some degree of infiltration perhaps, they were not ready for a militant pres-

ence of several hundred to converge on their meeting place.

It was the very fact that they were not expecting nor prepared for such a response that in many ways made a successful demonstration possible. The Heritage Front at that time was less secure with information regarding time and place for their meetings, allowing the date and time of the meeting to be disseminated several days before the meeting and the location to be given to their members as much as twenty-four hours beforehand. This time frame allowed ARA to receive the information in enough time to distribute posters and organize demonstrations.

Subsequent to the Roma demonstration, the Heritage Front has kept meeting details secret until as little as a few hours before the meeting, then notifying their supporters via telephone. With this new security practice, the HF has significantly curtailed the ability of anti-racists to mobilize in sufficient numbers to again confront them at their meetings. This fact highlights two specific needs for ARA's continued viability, 1) differentiation of tactics, and 2) the need for better intelligence.

ARA needs to again be creative in its approach to mobilizing against the fascists. To maintain an approach based solely around mass demonstrations is obviously destructive at a moment when the nazis, through their own security measures, have effectively shut off much of that opportunity. One of the advantages which ARA has always had contributing to the militancy and excitement around their demonstrations is the existence of a visible and identifiable enemy. The best ARA actions to date have come when anti-racists were actually facing down nazis in the streets. However, if the fascists can effectively conceal their gatherings, then the opportunity to go face-to-face with them is gone. The element of surprise, of agency, goes from the anti-racists to the racists, who will be the ones determining when and where they will gather publicly and will therefore be expecting confrontation (as well as police protection).

If the chance of going head-to-head is diminished if not lost, then an over-emphasis on mass mobilization will force ARA back onto the path of demonstrating in front of faceless targets, exactly the thing to which the organization worked to develop alternatives. Necessity, then, demands creativity, and the need to devise strategies for both gathering better intelligence and staging effective actions using smaller numbers.

The most important work to be done, however, lies not within the right but within the left. Unfortunately, it is the left at this moment which poses the major obstacle to the growth of an effective anti-racist movement. The institutionalization of progressive Canadian politics and the visible disdain for the work of ARA and other anti-fascist organizations needs to be addressed openly. The left has to begin to move from its current position of attempting to organize along ideological lines, and instead return to a grassroots approach which speaks directly to people's experiences.

We are unfortunately at a political moment when the only people doing real grassroots organizing, particularly in the white community, are the fascists. They are the ones in the trenches, in the schools and workplaces, and they are capitalizing on institutional white supremacy to organize a growing, well-funded, internationally coordinated, and violent racist movement.

While defeating the neo-nazi movement in Canada is a relatively small task in comparison to defeating institutionalized white supremacy, it is one which is crucial to address at this moment. The work of ARA in particular provides a basis from which many bigger things can emerge. The opportunity to involve young people in political organizing, particularly in a struggle which can show concrete short term gains and can and will inevitably be successful, can provide the inspiration and experience necessary to wage broader and longer term struggles.

Interview With A Member Of Anti-Racist Action

One June 11, 1993, Anti-Racist Action (ARA) in Toronto entered into a new phase of actions against neo-nazis in the city by taking the struggle against them to the realm of "nazi-doorsteps". After a month of discussions, ARA embarked on a pro-active means of confronting the nazis by exposing them within neighbourhoods where they hide and organize. This new orientation represented a shift by ARA in that they would no longer pursue a strategy based solely on reacting against fascist organizing and violence. ARA decided to broaden its tactics as another step towards stopping the nazi-menace - in a concrete way - in Toronto. This action at the nazi operational centre was organized during a period of covert fascist terror against people of colour - especially the Tamil community - and others. After June 11, various sectors and communities reacted to the ARA action and informally raised concerns about anti-fascist strategies and tactics. Ravi John from ARA addressed some of these issues in an interview with CKLN 88.1, a community-based radio station in Toronto.

On Friday, June 11, 1993, Anti-Racist Action organized a march to the home of neo-nazi propagandist Gary Schipper - the operational centre of Heritage Front "Hateline". Since that demonstration, 4 anti-racists have been arrested. What were the charges under which the 4 were arrested and what are the bail conditions for their release?

The 4 anti-racists have been arrested on charges of mischief to property and disguising with the intention to commit an indictable offense. Other than that, I think one of them was charged with counselling to commit an indictable offense and one woman is charged with assaulting a police officer.

Are these charges quite serious for these ARA members?

I think it is quite serious in the sense that the police want to criminalize the anti-racists, and in the sense that they want to put them into the same category as neo-nazis, and show them as a somewhat criminal element in our society; which is not true.

I understand the bail conditions are pretty tough also...

The bail conditions include non-association with other ARA members and they are banned from any demos in the entire province of Ontario - no matter if they are anti-racist or not, and there is a curfew stuck on them - they have to be at home at 9 o'clock in the evening.

Let's go back to the June 11 demo. What is the official position of ARA on the events at Schipper's house.

The event, as such, was not isolated; we can't isolate the event or the nature of the demo. What happened on June 11 was that ARA decided that we should take the anti-racist struggle, or the fight against neo-nazis, to their own territory, to their own operational centres. The home of Gary Schipper was targeted because anti-racists had been watching that place for some time and observing what kind of activities were going on there. The house was an operational centre, it was not just a home.

So, 300 people gathered in a community centre in Toronto, and we were very open about the fact that we were going to keep the destination of the demonstration a secret. Eventually, when we got closer to this operational centre, we distributed flyers and stickers, and we started to put up stickers around the neighbourhood, and we gave Schipper's photograph to the demonstrators, and so they knew that we were going to his place. The purpose was to expose that location to the community there - here nazis are carrying out their hate propaganda and also this is where they coordinate their activities. So, ARA was able to show the community that nazis can't get away with these things - people are prepared to come to their doorstep and express their anger. This is quite opposite to what nazis have been doing; terrorizing people in a discreet manner.

During the demo, some anti-racists broke away from the crowd and they did some damage to the property. You have to understand that it was a very focused action - no other homes were damaged. You have to understand the context of what happened and the context of the times. There had been attacks against anti-racists in Ottawa, there had been two attacks against the Tamil community here - one person was killed and one is now partially paralysed. There had also been an attack in Kitchener against a Jewish shop owner. There had been an attack on Black community activists, and there was an arson attack on a young women's hostel.

So, I think, in this context, some youth decided to express their legitimate anger. ARA's position is, it is not for us to condemn or condone that. We have to understand why this happened, and so the burden does not lie



with ARA, rather it lies with the neo-nazis; their activities have led to this type of situation. It is not our task to police our people. If some youth decide to do that sort of thing, our task is to protect them, because we understand their legitimate anger. I think ARA prevented a division among the ranks of anti-fascists and anti-racists.

The June 11 demonstration has sparked a huge media attack on ARA. Apart from the mainstream media, there have been some legitimate concerns raised by the community, one of which is that at that particular demonstration people went to it thinking that it was going to be peaceful. But on arriving there, things turned out differently. These people might be alienated from further ARA actions. How do you deal with that concern?

I think I have to make just one small clarification. We assembled at the community centre - that was peaceful. We had a small outside rally there - that was peaceful. We took streetcars to the operational centre - that was peaceful. Then we gathered in a small park - that was peaceful. We marched through the neighbourhood to Schipper's house and that was peaceful. But ARA never tries to hide the fact that when it comes to confronting nazis there might be - there might be - some sort of action that does not fall into this category of so-called 'peaceful

demonstrations'. People are aware of that, and that is the tradition of ARA, and ARA was actually born with that tradition last year when the neo-nazis tried to march to the courthouse, but were chased away by anti-racists.

I can understand these concerns because people from various backgrounds and various levels of political understanding, who still want to oppose neo-nazis, they see these demonstrations as the ideal opportunity to express their anger, even in a symbolic way. At the same time, you have to understand that we don't want to divide the movement; we don't want to see that a certain crowd just adheres to peaceful means and others adhere just to militancy. Both forms of action are complementary to each other.

June 11 was just one demo. It is not the only strategic way of fighting nazis for ARA. For ARA it is a broadening of our tactics, but it is not the one strategic way of dealing with things.

We have to consider that ARA is not the only organization in this city which fights the nazis and takes the initiative in fighting racism. However as an organization, ARA can't satisfy everyone. ARA has chosen the strategy of direct action against neo-nazis whenever possible. If others want to embark on different tactics, then we respect them and see them as valuable contributions to the overall struggle.

But the problem is, you know that an organization like ARA is a perfect target for agents provocateur, right? And if there isn't internal discipline within the movement, then it's an ideal opportunity for somebody from the outside to come and disrupt things, and it would reflect on ARA as an organization. I'm not saying that's what happened at Schipper's house, but in the future that could happen. Are there ways that you can prevent that from happening, as an organization?

At every demonstration we should have an assessment of the nature of the demonstration and what is the purpose of the demonstration. If the action of an individual or a group of people falls within the scope of ARA's strategic aims, we don't have sufficient reason to suspect anybody. Furthermore, the charge of agent provocateurs has traditionally been used against militant political activists. Yes, we are conscious about agent provocateurs; but the organization that plans and carries out political actions has a better chance to identify agents rather than outside political observers.

At ARA events, people of colour are often on the front-line and knowing the historical background of how the police look at people of colour, and how they target them, the concern is that in an organization in which the majority are white, people of colour are being put in the front-lines during ARA actions.

I think we have to look at all the past actions of ARA, because I think this concern really came to the forefront after June 11. These concerns are legitimate and we can understand these concerns, and the problem is, o.k., it is a fact that the majority of ARA members are white, so in that sense we can expect that the most militant members are going to be white, which may or may not be true; it is beside the point. In any actions which ARA has planned or has taken, we do not tell what position to take. We try to create a relatively safe space in demos, then participants decide where to position themselves.

ARA does not go and try to exclude people, so this might be one demonstration where the majority of the people who took a front-line stance were people of colour. But I don't think this is true for all ARA demonstrations; because if anybody wants to take to the front-line and be strong and very militant, and can take the

pressure not just from the neo-nazis but also from the police, they are welcomed. I think, in this sense, that most people of colour, because of their day-to-day repression and the discrimination they face, I think that they have that strength because that is their reality, and so if they decide they want to be in the front-line, I think we should allow that to happen. But the problem is, yes you are right, that they are the people who are going to be targeted. So, people who don't want to be in the front-line, their main responsibility is to protect these people.

And that goes beyond the actual organization itself, to the community itself, let's say, people of colour who are not part of ARA. The ARA actions are creating an atmosphere where there is retaliation against communities of colour. Somebody walking down the street might be attacked by these neo-nazis just because of the colour of their skin. That brings us to the question of accountability to those communities of colour who are being affected by ARA actions, but whose opinion may not be listened to. How do you address that concern?

That is a legitimate concern and it is not a new one; it has been here in other social struggles also. I think, first of all, the anti-racist movement in the city is not responsible for actions of the neo-nazis. The neo-nazis are the people who are responsible for their own actions - that's why we want them to be held accountable.

I am a refugee, and I was living with other refugees in a rooming house in Pickering (a city outside of Toronto - ed.) in 1989, and I was attacked by a skinhead, and that was just one year before the Heritage Front started - that is how I got a keen interest in these issues.

And now it is reported that there are over 500 hate crimes in Toronto, and most of the attacks are not even reported. So, anti-fascist actions might create a situation that when the nazis are cornered and when they get more and more defensive day-by-day, out of desperation they might take out their anger on a person of colour. But, at the same time, the violence of the nazis is not initiated by actions against them, and they are not motivated to go out and attack people of colour because there is an anti-racist presence in the streets. Rather, that is their ideology, that is what they spend their time preparing for. When they go out and attack a person of colour, it's a matter of timing.

That is exactly what happened in Germany in 1988, when I was a refugee there. The neo-nazis were very marginal, mostly marginalized youth. The mainstream and the radical political community completely ignored them. The nazis organized very well and they were prepared when the Berlin Wall fell, and all the other social concerns unfolded, and they were prepared to go on the attack against people of colour. Despite the anti-racist presence there in Germany, the brunt of the attacks are against people of colour. But that does not mean that people of colour should not take part in defensive actions against nazis. Actually, the strongest anti-racist youth are Turkish youth because they are the people who are targeted. They are much more militant than all the radical political activists. Day-to-day they fight the nazis in the street because that is a matter of survival for them.

So, these things happen, we have to be aware of that, but at the same time we should not strategize the anti-racist struggle based on just this concern. We have to think of going beyond that and how to stop these people, because I don't want to get involved in this struggle for the next 20 or 30 years just fighting neo-nazis. I don't want to see society polarized. I want to see these people stopped in a concrete way, at least in their organizing capability. They should feel cornered and besieged and threatened for being neo-nazis. I don't want to feel threatened for being a person of colour.

Is there a dialogue planned with the community? I think that part of the problem is that there is lack of

communication and that concerns are raised and there is no dialogue between ARA and certain communities that have been organizing against racism in a more traditional sense.

Yes, to an extent. I don't want to pretend that it is going smoothly. ARA has one crew of members that are devoted to the task of reaching out to other communities, but it has not happened through very constructive dialogue of what is the strategy for neo-nazis. I think it should come up within the struggle. We can't just come up with a blueprint and go to the communities and say 'this is the blueprint for fighting nazis - what do you think, what are your concerns?' I think it will come up within the struggle. We saw that happening particularly after June 11. Before June 11, yes, we tried, through the outreach crew, to reach these communities and ask for their support, and people had concerns for some time, but after June 11, yes, people had a lot of concerns, and they raised these concerns. And we were able to get back to them with a very clear statement of what happened, and ask for their continued support.

At the same time, very positive things have happened. After the attacks against the Tamil community, a wide coalition was initiated by anti-racists and activists from the left political community. This was very positive and it gives us ample opportunity to deal with these concerns in a very direct way. At the same time, we did not hear any reservations, in a concrete way, from any one of the communities.

I think that dialogue should happen because we don't want to do something for them. And after all if we don't address their concerns it doesn't help our struggle in the long term. So I think that communication should be more comprehensive and it should be an ongoing thing, and I think that because of the anti-racist coalition in this city and because people are now aware of ARA better than before, there is some attention on ARA, and it can help us when we go to them and discuss these con-

One thing ARA has done effectively is to stop neo-nazi recruitment in high-schools. One problem with an organization that depends on direct action - and ARA is not the only one - is that we have the experience of other organizations especially directed towards youth who might join ARA as a first political act in their lives, and they really have lots of energy but little politicization. How much of that is a problem, and how are you trying to deal with it?

ARA has been somewhat successful in organizing high-school students who are being deliberately targeted by the Heritage Front. And most of these youths are white and, yes, it might be their first political involvement, and their first political engagement and political action might be being involved in ARA. Anti-Racist Action is something they can relate to, because this is a question within their own community, within their own society, within their own social level. It is something they can easily relate to: neo-nazis and fascists are targeting us and we are

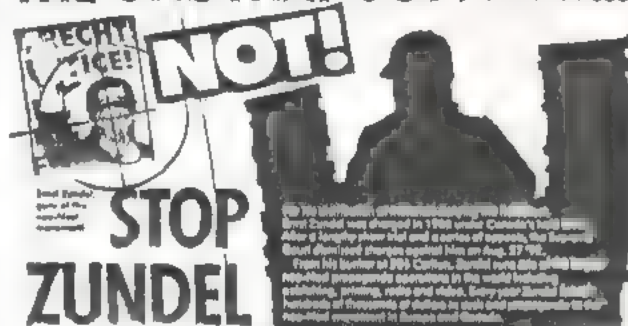
subject to their recruitment.

ARA has been able to attract these youth through various means, not just street-level political action, but through creating an anti-racist culture, through concerts and parties and making some social space for them. So, these people are attracted to ARA, and the way politicization happens is that it is not just what you can read in a textbook, I think people will be solidified and enlightened when they broaden their outlook from just focusing on anti-fascist work to other issues like police violence and institutionalized racism; by being involved in day-to-day actions. It might be going to a Rock Against Racism

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On 9/11/24, ARA organized a demonstration which had a two-fold purpose: one, to prevent a possible march by HF in support of 3 of its members who were on trial, and two, to march to the headquarters of a major figure in the international neo-nazi movement - Ernst Zundel (see poster below). There was a massive mobilization by the police to protect Zundel's headquarters which included the Public Order Unit, Emergency Task Force and numerous undercover cops. After Zundel's building was pelted by eggs and paintbombs, police attacked the demonstration and arrested 8 people and injured several others. ARA is organizing a defense campaign in support of those arrested. As well, 4 ARA members who were arrested after the June 11 demo still face charges and need your support. To contribute to the defense fund send money to: ARA, P.O. Box 664, Stn. C, Toronto, Ont. M6J 3S1. InfoLine: (416) 631 8R35

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY...



On November 24, four main organizers for the neo-Nazi Heritage Front will be in court. On this day the first hate crimes trial in Toronto since Zundel's hearing. Please Heritage Front is a. Disturbance has been charged for disturbing a lawful festival to black people. That same day Gary Schipper, Ken Reiter and Wolfgang Oranga are in court on contempt charges for their refusal to cease broadcasting hate on the Heritage Front telephone hotline. While the courts would have us believe that they are making efforts against hate propaganda in this city, we know that the biggest enabler of all is operating with impunity only a few blocks away.

To date, the HF have used court dates such as these as an opportunity to have a fascist march in our streets.

Toronto will no longer tolerate racism and fascism. We will be at the courts to prevent a Nazi march and then we will march to Zundel's production and distribution headquarters.

WEDNESDAY NOV. 24, 9AM SHARP RALLY AT CITY HALL
ANTI-RACIST ACTION
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concert, it might be going to a symbolic demonstration where they can express their anger - most ARA demonstrations are that type of protest demonstration, not direct action type demonstrations. For example; four demonstrations against police violence which we organized with Black Action Defence Committee. There was a demonstration after gay people were attacked in Montreal, and we said that we will not allow that in our streets. There was a demonstration against Paul Fromm, a teacher who is also a neo-nazi.

These actions give space to young people to broaden their outlook. It is not just taking them to direct action. Within that process, I think people will get politicized, and honestly, some people might think 'this is going to far, this is not what I want', and they might keep some distance and come only to events where they feel they fit in.

I think that is the way we see things, because nobody has a blueprint that says what political action is, and it is during the anti-racist struggle, when people get into discussion and debate and when they exchange ideas with other organizations - those experiences lead to politicization. It is not a question of politicization first and then action - the two are complimentary to each other and are an ongoing thing.

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UNITE



Together we can SMASH THE HERITAGE FRONT

ANTI- FASCIST iNFO



ANTI-FASCIST INFO (AFI) is a group of people, some currently defendants on charges arising from anti-fascist demonstrations, with the aim of gathering and distributing information on the extreme right in Canada.

Our goals are to raise consciousness about extreme right organizations, their activities, perspectives and ideologies. Through this, we want to enable anti-fascists to better organize against the extreme right, particularly in times of growth and action by fascist groups. We also want to raise consciousness about current, and possibly future, trials of anti-fascist defendants.

WHAT IS THE 'EXTREME RIGHT'?

By extreme right, we mean not only openly fascist groups such as Aryan Nations, Aryan Resistance Movement or the fascistized- Ku Klux Klan. The extreme right also consists of a variety of organizations who, at the very least, advocate maintaining and strengthening a patriarchal and white supremacist society. Such organizations can go under seemingly "inoffensive" titles, as Citizens for Foreign Aid Review, the Canadian League of Rights or the Canadian Association for the Freedom of Expression. They generally focus on single issues such as immigration, freedom of expression, etc., to make their cause appealing to those who would not be "comfortable" being affiliated to out-right fascist groups. These organizations deny that they are white supremacist, instead using code-words such as "European heritage" or "non-traditional immigration" to convey their vision of an all-white Canada. The extreme right also consists of individuals who are members of mainstream political parties, such as those recently exposed in the Progressive Conservatives, the Liberal Party, and of course the Reform Party. Members of Aryan Nations, in contrast, will announce openly that they are white supremacist and fascist. To distinguish between these two approaches of the extreme right, groups which are openly fascist are termed 'radical right', while those that cloak their true intentions are termed 'fringe right'.

Whether fringe or radical, the extreme right as a whole shares similar beliefs: white supremacy, anti-semitism, homophobia, anti-immigration, anti-abortion, anti-feminism and anti-communism, to name but a few of the most common themes.

In short, the extreme right is a complex web of interconnected groups and philosophies operating through both openly-fascist organizations and front groups focusing on a single issue. It's this web we aim to expose and, through anti-fascist information, enable people to better defend themselves against the extreme right's oppressive agenda.

WHY ANTI-FASCIST INFO?

AFI does not advocate replacing actions against fascist activities with distributing information. Broad-based community organizing encompassing a variety of tactics has shown to be the most effective response to fascist and

extreme right movements. Afi does not place itself outside of this work. Rather, we are responding to the actual situation in Vancouver, and a need for documentation of the extreme right.

The history of extreme right movements shows that they experience cyclical growths and declines, caused by factors such as social and economic conditions- as well as community resistance. In any case, it would be a

Photo by Ivan Ivanovitch Kozachenko



mistake to believe that because fascist groups are not visible, or have been defeated in the streets, that they have been destroyed. In reality, they are in a state of reorganizing. For example, in Vancouver the extreme right experienced a period of growth from 1980-83, which manifested itself in an increased KKK presence, vandalism and violence against people of colour, gays, lesbians, Jews and leftist organizations. Defeated by community organizing and internal conflicts, former members of the Klan were again active in 1988-89 when the Aryan Nations and the Aryan Resistance Movement became the new focus for extreme right activities, joining with younger fascist skinheads. Communities targeted by this new phase of violence were placed on the defensive, while at the same time they were forced to learn who and what the Aryan Nations were. Afi exists to counter such trends, doing the necessary background work to enable people to carry on real social change while not being caught off-guard in times of fascist offensives.

In other parts of Canada, the extreme right has been more successful in organizing. In Toronto, the Heritage Front has brought together various organizations such as the Church of the Creator, fascist skinheads etc., and has been able to organize concerts, public rallies, a telephone 'hate'-line, and produce literature which has been distributed in Toronto-area high schools. A clear result of this is the June 7/93 attack on a Tamil man, Ganalan Muthulingam, by fascist skinheads. Muthulingam died three days later. There have been other vicious attacks on people of colour by fascists in Toronto. In Montreal, fascist skinheads are believed responsible for several attacks on gay men, some of these resulting in death. At least one such murder, the November 29/92 killing of Yves Lalonde, has been attributed to fascist skinheads, who are presently awaiting trial. In Saskatchewan, an Aryan Nations leader, Carney Nerland, is presently serving a four year prison term for shooting and killing Leo Lachance, a Cree Indian, on January 28/91 (Nerland said to police that he should get a medal for "shooting that Indian". Despite his extreme right background, Nerland's white supremacist views were said to not be relevant. He was subsequently charged and convicted for manslaughter!).

Fascists are not marching down the streets of Vancouver, but it doesn't mean they are not organizing and preparing for another phase of activity. In January of 1993, the Canadian Liberty Net attempted to organize a public speech by Tom Metzger, leader of the California-based White Aryan Resistance. Determined action by anti-fascists shut this meeting down. In May, the fringe right Procult Institute held a meeting for the Canadian league of Rights, another fringe right group, characterized as "perhaps Canada's leading anti-Semitic organization today". Also in attendance were members of the Aryan Nations. Again, anti-fascists were able to seriously disrupt the meeting.

We plan on carrying out our work by organizing events such as video screenings and public discussions, and by producing leaflets, posters and other publications. Because we are a non-funded group, our work will rely heavily on your contributions, as well as participation.



NOTE: As of yet, AFi has no postal address or public telephone contact. Please stay tuned!

ANTI-FASCIST INFO

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PRESS RELEASE

February 1994

Anti-fascist Greetings,

ANTI-FASCIST INFO is a recently formed collective of predominantly people of colour, concerned with the rise of the extreme right. History has taught us that fascist movements flourish when communities fail to organize against them. The recent lack of community support for local activists arrested at anti-fa demo's brought to light the severe need to gather and distribute information about the extreme right in Canada, and it's connections internationally.

Our work publishing various educational leaflets and holding video and info nites has already helped establish an anti-fascist consciousness (please see leaflets and posters enclosed). We have been working in solidarity with Toronto's Anti-Racist Action, and our leaflet on the influential, Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel is one small contribution to their ongoing campaign to shut him down. We would also like to eventually produce a regular newsletter.

It is our hope to consolidate contacts with other anti-fascist/anti-racist groups, to exchange information, in order to broaden our perspectives and enable us to effectively disable the extreme right in Canada. We see anti-fascism as a protracted struggle with no clear victory or conclusion, until there are fundamental changes in the white supremacist world order. Institutionalized racism, and the oppression of Third World peoples globally, creates a climate that inherently breeds racists. At the same time, we have witnessed the explosive rise of fascism in Europe, and are determined to prevent it from developing into a mass movement here.

In Solidarity,

Nafissa (for AFI)

Please Note:

- If you are a group that produces a newsletter or magazine, we would like to exchange publications with you on a regular basis. We are also interested in your distribution rates, for 10-20 copies per issue.
- If you are an organization, we would appreciate any background information about the work that you do, newsletters, videos, etc., that you have produced.

Anti-fascist group holds forum

Neo-nazis less organized here than in East, says protester

By RUTH TAYLOR (SFPIRG)

"Fascists are not marching down the streets of Vancouver, but it doesn't mean they are not organizing." This was the message expressed in an anti-fascist pamphlet distributed at a meeting held at La Quena in East Vancouver last week.

Anti-Fascist Info, a Vancouver-based group, organized the meeting in order to raise awareness about the increasing activity of fascist and neo-nazi groups across Canada. They also wanted to publicize the arrest and upcoming trials of several anti-fascist protesters, a number of whom spoke at the meeting.

A gathering of about forty people, including representatives of various organizations as well as concerned individuals watched videos of recent anti-fascist demonstrations in Toronto and Montreal and listened to speakers.

"It's no crime to stop these scum, [the neo-nazis]" said Miriam Scribner, one of the arrested anti-

fascist protesters and a member of the Partisan Defence League. She was arrested along with five other protesters as a result of a May 6 demonstration against a scheduled meeting of the Canadian League of Rights. The Canadian Jewish Congress has described the League as "perhaps Canada's leading anti-semitic organization."

Other defendants agreed with Scribner. Gord Hill, arrested on Jan. 22, said the defendants are "political prisoners and must be supported." "We would like people to come down to the Courthouse to show that we're not a bunch of isolated nutcases," Hill said.

Hill was arrested with another protester at a demonstration in Vancouver where Tom Metzger, leader of the white supremacist organization Aryan Nations, was scheduled to speak.

Hill is charged with carrying a concealed weapon and five other counts, including "wearing a disguise with the intent to commit an illegal act." According to Hill,

such "disguises" are necessary protection when dealing with neo-nazi violence. Hill, whose trial is set for Nov. 15 at 10 a.m., will be the first of the defendants to be heard in court.

Fascist meetings and the anti-fascist demonstrations organized to counter them, are not restricted to Vancouver.

The La Quena meeting included the screening of several videos shot in Montreal and Toronto which documented the activities of white supremacist groups and the popular response to them. According to Hill, "Fascists are more organized in the East than here."

They are also very sophisticated in their attempts to fuel the racism that exists in our society. Groups like the Heritage Front in Toronto focus on issues such as immigration or freedom of expression to mask their racism.

"Some of the arguments that the Heritage Front is using are the same as you can hear on the street. When they bring up issues like Affirmative Action they try to confuse and dilute the issue," said Hill.

One of the most interesting videos of the evening was shot by the Vancouver police and has been entered as evidence against one of

the May 6 defendants, John Lipscombe. During the video shooting police made insulting remarks, calling one woman of colour "an ugly cow", and man of colour "an ugly sucker." They also took the opportunity to shoot close-ups of a woman's breasts and crotch and to follow women passers-by with the camera.

To the anti-fascist organizers of this event, such police behaviour reveals sexist and racist attitudes and helps explain why anti-fascist demonstrators are standing trial while fascist and neo-nazi organizations continue to operate with few constraints.

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SHUT DOWN ERNST ZUNDEL!

The Trials and Tribulations of a Nazi Holocaust Denier



"In March 1981, West German police carried out a massive door-to-door raid in an effort to clamp down on the distribution of Neo-Nazi literature in that country. What was significant for Canada was that a good deal of the literature had been produced by a Canadian resident, Ernst Christof Friedrich Zundel"

-Stanley R. Barrett, *Is God A Racist?*

WHO IS ERNST ZUNDEL?

Born in 1939 in the Black Forest region of West Germany, Ernst Zundel was raised on his family's farm. His sister became a missionary in Africa, and his brother a lawyer in the United States. Zundel attended a trade school in Germany, receiving a diploma as a photo retoucher (a trade which would serve him well in his role later as a Holocaust denier). In 1958, at the age of 18, Zundel emigrated to Canada. He settled first in Toronto, then in Montreal for several years, eventually returning to Toronto, which remains his base of operations to this day. Zundel was married for nine years, and has two sons.

While in Montreal, Zundel supposedly met Adrien Arcand, the former leader of the National Socialist Christian Party, which had been founded in 1934 and was the main fascist organization in Canada during that period. Arcand significantly changed Zundel's little pea-brain view about the role and history of Nazi Germany. In 1968, Zundel ran for the Liberal leadership, contending that Trudeau was a "communist"(!). Zundel's involvement in fascist circles became more focused as his major efforts became devoted to proving that the Holocaust was a hoax.

TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

Through his *Samizdat Publications* ('samizdat' is a Russian word meaning self-publishing), Zundel produced anti-Holocaust material to perpetuate the notion that the Holocaust was a fabricated aspect of a "Jewish conspiracy to rule the world", a common anti-Semitic doctrine. By 1980, Zundel claimed to mail his anti-Holocaust and other fascist materials to 45,000 people in forty-five countries and in fourteen languages (*Toronto Sun*, 23 November, 1981). His estimated mailing costs in 1981 were \$35,000.

However, the scale of his activities did not go unnoticed. Political pressure from those who were able to see his true agenda brought his case to light and exposed him for what he was. Following a large demonstration held outside his house in May, 1981, the post office's Board of Review, prompted by a complaint lodged by the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association,

issued an interim prohibitory order against *Samizdat Publications Ltd.* The Board of Review later found Zundel not guilty of promoting anti-semitism, and described the complaint as an ethnic quarrel between Germans and Jews. During this case, Zundel had been defended by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, a group which would also come to his aid in later trials. Shortly after, Zundel was also found innocent by a West German court of disseminating hate propaganda in connection with the materials uncovered by the 1981 police raid. An example of how far Zundel is willing to go to insult Jewish people is shown in his attempt to (unsuccessfully) have a paid advertisement placed in *The Canadian Jewish News*, to "inform his Jewish clients about the good news" (he also applied in April/81 to the Canadian Jewish Congress for the advertised position of director for the National Holocaust Project).

After losing the case involving the post office's Board of Review, the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association continued its' struggle to close Zundel down. Using an obscure and seldom-used law, Zundel was charged with two counts of knowingly publishing false news that caused or was likely to cause damage to social or racial tolerance. The two articles subjected to the charges were '*The West, War and Islam*' and '*Did Six Million Really Die?*', the latter a widely-distributed pamphlet throughout the extreme right both nationally and internationally.

The trial that followed has been described as having a "near farcical, almost incredulous, air." One witness included a senior vice-president of the Royal Bank of Canada, who testified that his bank had no involvement in any way with international communism. The Zundel defense, headed by Doug Christie- a notorious fascist lawyer from Victoria who has defended other members of the extreme right including Holocaust denier Jim Keegstra, as well as Tony McAleer of the Canadian Liberty Net- requested to have Jews and Freemasons excluded as jurors, unsuccessfully. Two witnesses were survivors of Nazi concentration camps, where some 11 million people were exterminated, including six million Jews, Gays, Lesbians, anti-fascists, communists and socialists, and others. One, who had escaped from Auschwitz, testified he saw mass gassing of Jews. Doug Christie accused him of lying in order to perpetuate the "hoax" of the Holocaust. Witnesses for Zundel included four members of the editorial advisory board of the *Institute of Historical Review* (IHR) in California, devoted mainly to denial of the Holocaust. These were: a former French academic, Dr. Faurisson, Ditlieb Felderer from Sweden, and William Lindsay and Charles Weber from the US. Other defense witnesses included Jim Keegstra, one of Zundel's sons, and Doug Collins, a well-known Vancouver area broadcaster and journalist (he currently writes for the North Shore News in North Vancouver). Collins contended that discussing Santa Claus is technically spreading false news, that weathermen always give false news, and that '*Did Six Million Really Die?*' did not contain a single abusive reference to Jews and should be freely available to Canadians (*Globe and Mail*, 19 February, 1985).

Outside of the court, people were taking actions of their own. In September 1984, a pipe-bomb damaged Zundel's car. Zundel's house had, by this point, been turned into a virtual fortress: there were video cameras, barbed wire, and super sensitive microphones.

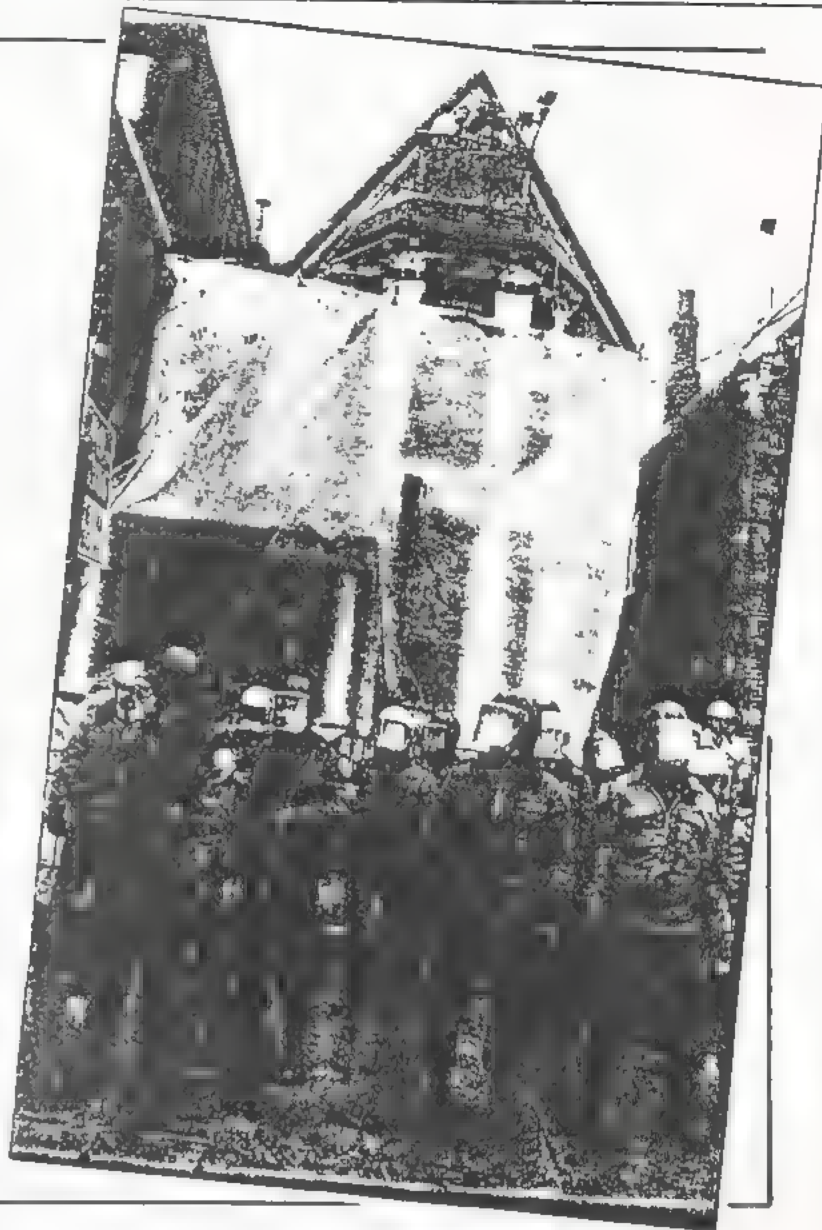
The trial continued. Zundel took the stand, acknowledging involvement with tracts extolling the virtues of Aryans and denigrating non-whites and Jews, declared the Holocaust a hoax, and that the media was controlled by Zionists.

I, RECHT! JUSTICE!



ERNST ZUNDEL

Holocaust denier, peddler of hate literature to Germany. Only likes condoms when they're big enough to cover his house to protect it from anti-racists. Has enough money to stay out of jail.



Zundel was found guilty on the *"Did Six Million Really Die?"* pamphlet, but found not guilty on the other. On Zundel's return to court to hear the judge's sentence, he arrived with a large cross on his back labelled "Freedom of Speech". This was, in fact, Zundel's main defense during the trial. His lawyer, Doug Christie, who argued there were no gas chambers to exterminate Jews, claimed that the real issue in the trial was also "freedom of speech". Zundel was subsequently sentenced to 15 months imprisonment. The Ontario Court of Appeal, however, overturned that conviction, but ordered a new trial on the grounds that the judge had made mistakes. Zundel was again convicted in May, 1988, and sentenced to nine months in jail. Again out on bail, Zundel appealed this conviction also. In September 1992, after nine years, two trials, four appeals and millions of dollars in legal costs, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down his 1988 conviction. In a 4-3 decision, the court found that Section 181 of the Criminal Code, which prohibits the spreading of false news, is unconstitutional because it is "an unjustifiable limit on the right to freedom of expression contained in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms."

NO HOLOCAUST = GOOD NAZI

What is the importance of Holocaust denial to modern fascist movements? It is clear that the Holocaust, as seen from a fascist viewpoint, is the main obstacle to the acceptance of fascist ideas within the dominant society. The "stigma" attached to the Holocaust is one which modern fascists are intent on overcoming, with the long term goals that of resurrecting the Third Reich, and carrying out their plans of genocide. Zundel is a key spider in the web of international fascism, his role being that of supplying a massive amount of propoganda denying the existance of the Holocaust. He sends hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of propoganda to Germany alone, where it is illegal to print and produce such material. Recently, Zundel has began broadcasting a "historical revisionist" half-hour program on satellite television called *Showcase America*, beamed via Galaxy 3. He also has two short-wave radio shows, one being on the commercial radio station World Radio New Orleans Worldwide (WRNO), entitled *The Voice of Freedom*, going out in English. The second is a German-language show broadcast on the WINB station, aimed at German-speakers and German expatriates in the USA and Canada.

SHUTTING ZUNDEL'S BIG FAT MOUTH

While the courts and existing legal systems have had little, if any, success in stopping Zundel, activists from Anti-Racist Action (A.R.A) in Toronto have begun a street level campaign to shut him down. On November 24/93, A.R.A. organized a demonstration outside Zundel's bunker at 206 Carlton, which was protected by between 200-300 riot cops. As the demo passed Zundel's fortress, some projectiles were thrown at the house, and the police attacked the demonstrators, arresting five (court dates have yet to be set).

The campaign to shut Zundel down will require a broad and diverse movement encompassing a variety of tactics, and clearly not based solely on decisions by the state's courts. For those who are concerned about the rise of fascism in Europe and its implications in Canada, the best kind of solidarity we can offer at the present time is working to **shut Zundel down!**

For more info, stay tuned to ANTI-FASCIST INFO.

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MEN WHO LOVE TO HATE

VANCOUVER IS HOME TO WESTERN
CANADA'S LARGEST NEO-NAZI GROUP. ITS MEMBERS
POSSESS WEAPONS AND ARE
SERIOUS ABOUT THE FATE OF NONWHITES, JEWS
AND GAYS. THIS ARTICLE MAY
OFFEND. PLEASE READ PRUDENTLY. BY TERRY GOULD.
PHOTOGRAPHY BY NAOMI STEVENS.



MOST TO RACE
DEBATORS IN HIS
BASEMENT: ERNIE
BRITSKIE, WITH
THREE-YEAR OLD
CHEEKY, SAYS
WAR IS COMING

HE COULD BE ANYBODY'S neighbor. In fact, if you live around Jervis and Denman in the West End, he is your neighbor. You may have greeted him on the street, returning the smile he offers to white-skinned strangers. Nothing about his boyish good looks hints that Larry Kish is a white supremacist and a supplier of weapons to extreme right-wingers in Vancouver.

Like his friends in town, Larry Kish has a problem: he talks too much. Utter a word in sympathy to his cause, tell him you hate blacks, Jews or Asians, and he tells you about his guns. This 30-year-old truck driver is very proud of his semi-automatic rifles, pump-action shotguns and cases of ammunition stored in closets and packed into corners of his one-bedroom flat. "I sell to the guys for only a \$20 markup," he tells me. "I'm not trying to make money on this—only see that people can defend themselves when the Jews

order the mud people to attack."

The mud people, he explains, are subhuman, nonwhites. The Jews, in league with Satan, manipulate the muds for their own ends.

A moment later he is standing in the middle of his cluttered living room, demonstrating an assault on his enemies. "When the race war starts, these are your best bets," he says, hefting a light-caliber minirifle and a Mosberg shotgun with its bayonet fixed. He places the butts of both guns on his hips and commences a nimble dance among the stacks of steel ammunition boxes and cases of weapons strewn around the floor. "Say you burst into a meeting of the bastards," he says, getting down on one knee. "You take out the ringleader with your mini, then you cream half a dozen that move on your flanks." He grins, spraying the left and right walls of his apartment with imaginary shot. "Then you cover your retreat with target-specific rifle fire." He

hisses these last words through gritted teeth, turning the barrel of his mini-rifle on the kitchen table.

"But don't get me wrong—I'm not advocating anything illegal," he adds,

initiated us into the Church of Jesus Christ Christian. When Butler gets his way, there'll be a separate nation for white folks. The Jews, the niggers, the Chinese—they can go live somewhere else."

Aryan Nations members terrorized in the mid-1980s. Calling themselves The Order, 30 men led by Mathews embarked on an orgy of bombings, armed robbery and assassinations, including a \$3.6 million heist in California and the murder of radio talk show host Alan Berg in Denver—the incident upon which the movie *Talk Radio* was based.

"Aryan Nations is the most radical and threatening of all the far right groups in North America," says Stanley R. Barrett, professor of sociology at the University of Guelph and author of *Is God a Racist?—The Right Wing in Canada*. "It's hard to believe, but Aryan Nations members view even the Ku Klux Klan as moderate. They don't just want to keep nonwhites in their place, they have as their goal physically separating what they call the mongrel races from white people. They may sometimes appear bumbling, but they

are very volatile. People should be aware that their numbers are growing in B.C., Alberta and Manitoba and that in the past they have openly called for insurrection. Certainly The Order was no accidental outgrowth of Aryan Nations. Its members took Butler's teachings to their logical end."

Barrett explains that most members of The Order were eventually arrested or killed in shootouts during the largest manhunt ever conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 1985, with 21 former Aryan Nations members on trial, Butler declared the violence of The Order unacceptable, but he continued to preach the same doctrines that had spawned the group's violence and continued to proselytize for the establishment of Aryan Nations paramilitary compounds throughout western North America. One Canadian who heard this message was Terry Long, a 44-year-old sawmill laborer who is now garnering funds to build his own compound in Caroline, Alberta. And in Vancouver, Aryan Nations militants say they too are preparing for the future. If their dreams come true, that future will be filled with racial confrontation.

YOU MAY HAVE FIRST BECOME aware of Reverend Butler's long reach during the 1988 Christmas season. Looking for gift ideas, thousands in the Lower



eniling broadly and getting up from his crouch. "I don't own automatics and only sell to people with an A.C. (Firearms Acquisitions Certificate). I just mean that with all these chinks and such coming over here, the time's coming when we're gonna be outnumbered. Things are gonna get hot, and white people are gonna have to protect what's theirs. Here: lemme show you something."

Kish leans his guns against a wall and steps into his bedroom. "We're growing all the time," he calls as he rummages through drawers. "And we're getting ready to stand tall. White women are finally getting their respect back for white men."

He emerges with an armload of video cassettes, photographs and a newspaper called *The Thunderbolt* and spreads everything on the table. "This newspaper tells you just what's going on—how the niggers are polluting us, bringing the white race down to the level of apes. And these videos show what Jew people really believe in," Kish says, holding up the video *Israel and Satanism*. He then shows me pictures of himself, his girlfriend and several other Vancouverites in Hayden Lake, Idaho, at the Aryan Nations jamboree held last summer. "That's Ernie Britskie," he says, pointing to a man standing in a group of red-robed figures before a burning cross. "And there's Reverend [Richard Girnt] Butler who

As I get up to leave, Kish tells me that Ernie Britskie holds meetings every Monday evening in his home at 4159 Nanaimo Street, and that I will be welcome at the next get-together on January 23. This evening Britskie and the boys will be going to a meeting of the British/European Immigration Aid Foundation, held at the Scottish Cultural Center in South Vancouver.

Waiting for the elevator in the hallway, I look Kish's neighbors over. None of them can know that just steps away is an arsenal that could cause a catastrophe similar to the one that occurred December 9, 1984, on Whidbey Island in Washington State. Brought to bay by police after years of terrorist activities, Aryan Nations fanatic Robert Mathews engaged in a shootout that ignited a store of ammunition, killing Mathews and demolishing his rented house.

Indeed, names such as Richard Butler, Aryan Nations and the Church of Jesus Christ Christian are barely known in Vancouver—though they have become terrifyingly familiar to Americans who live in the five states that comprise the Pacific Northwest. It is this region of the U.S. that Butler, the 70-year-old leader of both the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations and its religious arm Jesus Christ Christian, intends to set up as a whites-only preserve. And it is this region that former

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Mainland bought the December 22 edition of *Buy and Sell*. On page 34 many noticed a boldface ad leading the Personals section:

**White People
Concerned About Your
Future? We sure are!
For more info. write to:
Aryan Nations, Box 3431
Mission, B.C. V2V 4J5**

The ad was placed by Scott Graham, a 25-year-old member of the Mission chapter of Aryan Nations. Graham is also the unofficial leader to a local band of a dozen skinheads—an internationally affiliated movement of youths who shave their heads and preach violence against Jews and nonwhites.

Shortly after Graham's ad appeared, complaints from readers began to pour across the desk of *Buy and Sell* publisher Mike Abbott, and a printed apology appeared in the January 12, 1989 edition. But by then Scott Graham had accomplished his task. If you were one of the 32 people who wrote him "for more info.," you would have received a copy of a semimonthly publication called *The Aryan Resistance Movement*, or ARM, one of the names by which The Order was known. Issue seven carried the headline, "Honest Opinions Expressed. Guaranteed to Upset the 'Canadian Government' and the Jews that Own It!" The prominent logo in the top left corner was a black eagle with a sword in its talons against a swastika.

AS SOON AS I LEAVE KISH'S WEST End high-rise, I phone Graham and ask if he and his band of skinheads will be coming into town for the meeting of the British/ European Immigration Aid Foundation, or BEAF as it is known by members. Graham replies that it doesn't sound rad enough for his taste. "No music, no stompin', no jack at all, man. Anyway, I got more important things tonight. Some ragheads are having a meeting. Gotta let 'em know we're the loyal opposition. If you wanna get together, I'll see you at Ernie's next Monday."

Several hours later, at Hudson and 73rd, I make my way through a crowd of demonstrators outside the Scottish Cultural Center. They are protesting the BEAF meeting, shouting and waving banners that read, "Keep Canada Free of Racism." I spot Ernie Britskie in the auditorium, standing beneath the crest

of the B.C. Highland Dancers' Association. He is a jovial-looking man with a loud voice and a louder laugh; a retired electrician who in build and belly, face and hairline looks a lot like comedian Rodney Dangerfield. I ask him about the half-swastika Aryan Nations insignia on his lapel and he says he is a follower of Butler, as well as the head of Freedom Coalition, the umbrella organization to the B.C. chapters of Aryan Nations and an assortment of other right-wing sects.

"I know for a fact these people here support us in their hearts even if they don't come right out and attend our Monday meetings," Britskie says of the 100, mostly silver-haired, ruddy-faced Anglos now taking their seats in the hall. "That's because the Jewish conspiracy has them terrified they'll lose their jobs if they're caught associating with us. But these folks believe Canada's going to the dogs because of race mixing, just like we do."

I take a seat and read the pamphlets that have been handed to me at the door. As its name suggests, BEAF promotes immigration policies it believes will maintain European culture as the dominant one in Canada. To accomplish this goal, BEAF says third-world immigration should be severely curtailed and immigration from industrial nations fostered. A flyer announces that the master of ceremonies is to be former Vancouver

mayor Jack Volrich. In his opening remarks Volrich says, "Let it not be forgotten that people from Britain and Europe were the real pioneer builders of Canada. Yet if present immigration trends continue, Canadians of European descent will soon be a new minority in this country."

"Having Volrich here tonight is a big plus for us," Britskie says, leaning over to a thin Englishman during a break in the proceedings. "You get a guy like him calling a spade a spade and people start listening."

The Englishman's name is Doug Syred, and he is the owner of a health food franchise called Aloe Vera Products. "They better start listening," Syred replies. "When the battle begins, the only uniform they'll wear will be the color of their skin."

I ask Syred if he foresees violence in the coming struggle.

"You bet there'll be violence. Every white man better be prepared to protect his home and his family. We don't know when the first shot will be fired, but when the war starts, it's going to be a fight to the bitter end."

During the question-and-answer period one of Britskie's followers, a man by the name of Barry Wray, a trucker for Pacific Press, gets up to the microphone and excitedly shouts, "While we're here debating whether or not we should be

WHEN HATE HITS HOME

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A RACIALLY MOTIVATED CRIME OR ACT

Physical assault against body or property: Dial 911 and report crime to police.

Racial slurs in the workplace: File a Human Rights Act complaint with B.C. Council of Human Rights; 660-6811

Racial slurs outside the workplace: Sue under Civil Rights Protection Act. Contact B.C. Council of Human Rights for advice: 660-6811

Racial discrimination of any sort (housing, hiring etc.): File a Human Rights Act complaint with B.C. Council of Human Rights: 660-6811

Hate mail sent from or published within the country: File a complaint with the

police. Prosecute under appropriate Criminal Code section. The attorney general's consent is needed for this. If AG's consent not obtained, sue under Civil Rights Protection Act. Contact B.C. Council of Human Rights for advice: 660-6811

Hate mail or literature sent from or published outside country: File complaint with Canada Customs for a remedy under the Customs Tariff Act; 666-0545

Racist telephone hate messages directed against you: Dial 911 and report to police. Report call to your B.C. Tel Customer Service Office.

Telephone hate messages not directed against you, but still racist: File complaint with Canadian Human Rights Commission: 666-2251. Report call to your B.C. Tel Customer Service Office.

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allowing terrorists into our country, an innocent man by the name of Ernst Zundel sits in prison in Ontario; a man whose only crime was telling the truth about the so-called holocaust and about the German people! When are we going to realize who the real enemy is?"

Wray's remarks are applauded only by his cronies, and answered by others in the audience with whispers of dismay. One elderly woman behind me says to her companion, "He's giving all of us a bad name!"

Yet the fact that Aryan Nations sympathizers feel that their beliefs are supported by groups like BEAF has Aziz Khaki, president of the Committee for Racial Justice in Vancouver, very worried. Volrich has said in his speech that BEAF is not racist, but Khaki believes that statement to be misleading.

"The grave problem we face today is that there are so-called legitimate groups articulating the same philosophy as the right-wing kooks and are giving those kooks a feeling of respectability. You not only have BEAF, you have the Immi-

gration Association of Canada, the Canadian League of Rights, the B.C. Association for the Preservation of Canadian Values, all of which are categorically pro-white and against anything that smacks of making Canada a truly multicultural society. None of these groups calls for violence against minorities, but they are giving a measure of support to those crazies who do believe in violence. In their hostility to mixed-race immigration the legitimate leaders are at one with people of the extreme right. It is vital they recognize this and admit that racism, no matter how it is phrased as a protection of values, ultimately leads to violence."

The Canadian Jewish Congress, which is affiliated with the Committee for Racial Justice, is also concerned about potential violence. In recent years, Jews in this town have witnessed one synagogue destroyed by arson and seen other synagogues defaced with swastikas. That is why some Jewish leaders advise that the activities of anti-Semitic groups like Aryan Nations should be closely monitored by

law enforcement agencies.

Responding to this concern, the media relations division of the Vancouver RCMP issued a statement in March, 1989, regarding its investigation of reports that white supremacist groups were meeting in town: "We are definitely aware of Aryan Nations in Vancouver and their involvement with firearms. We are acquainted with their members and know the home where they meet. But we live in a democratic society. Although Aryan Nations may advocate some radical notions, so far none of their members have been caught breaking the law or advocating that the law should be broken. Those people that feel threatened should know, however, that we are not ignoring Aryan Nations and its affiliated organizations."

FOUR DAYS AFTER THE BEAF meeting, on Monday, January 23, I arrive at Britskie's home for a meeting of his Freedom Coalition. Barry Wray, the vocal Zundel supporter, is just getting out of his car. Britskie offers Wray a playful



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DRIVERS TAKE A
HOT MEAL AND
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THOSE WHO
WANT A WHITE
NEW WORLD.

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Sieg Heil! at the door and leads us downstairs to the basement den where the meetings take place. In the hallway by the stairs a table is set with cups, coffee and cakes. In the den there are stacks of anti-Semitic and antigay literature, including copies of *The Life Gazette*, a four-page newspaper that ran as an advertising supplement to the *Burnaby Echo* in early January. The headline, "Sodomite Invasion Planned for 1990," refers to Vancouver being the host city for the 1990 Gay Olympics. A large photo

"YOU GUYS
GOT ANYTHING
PLANNED FOR
WHEN THEY
COME TO TOWN
FOR THE GAY
OLYMPIAD?"

shows an adolescent boy being dragged against his will into a men's bathroom. The lead article attacks Mayor Gordon Campbell for lending his support to the games, and Burnaby MP Svend Robinson is portrayed as a man advocating sex with animals.

"We gotta do something about these queers," Wray says, pounding a fist on the pile of newspapers. "We gotta take action instead of just meeting all the time."

I ask Wray what kind of action he proposes.

"Anything! Give 'em the boot!" he shouts.

"Naah—they like that kind of thing," says a tall fellow on the tattered couch. "That gives 'em thrills. Kick a queer in the pants and he asks you to do it again."

This fellow, Charles Burl, a B.C. Tel employee, says his pet peeve is with the immigration lawyers, especially Arnold Shelby: "The guy's making a fortune

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bringing over chinks and ragheads. He just may find his tires slashed one morning!"

By now several other fellows have wandered into the den. In all, 12 men sit at close quarters, airing gripes against Asians, Jews, liberals, immigration policy—the full gamut of right-wing complaints.

Just as Britskie stands up to call the meeting to order the door to the den swings violently open and Scott Graham walks in, followed by seven skinheads in high-laced combat boots, camouflage

pants and polo shirts emblazoned with Nazi insignia. A couple of kids who look no older than 17 have swastikas tattooed on their foreheads, and there are two others with SS lightning bolts tattooed beneath the blond stubble on their skulls. They look the room over, posturing in gum-chewing arrogance. The more conservatively dressed men in the room seem startled by this platoon of apparently kill-crazy kids. But Britskie greets Graham warmly and finds cramped spaces on the old couches, chairs and floor for the new arrivals.

Sandwiched between skinheads on a

sofa, Barry Wray is soon back on the subject of homosexuals. Members of American skinhead groups have been convicted of acts of gay-bashing, and Wray seems aware of this when he says, "Hey, you guys got anything planned for the queers when they come to town for the Gay Olympics?"

"Why?" replies Graham. "You plannin' a welcoming party?"

Wray laughs nervously. "Nah—I just mean we were talking about organizing some action before they come over here spreading their diseases and perversions.

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DEARLY DESPISED BRETHREN

The Church of Jesus Christ Christian is the racist religion of Aryan Nations and several other neo-Nazi organizations in North America. The church emerged in the 1970s but its ideological roots are to be found in British Israelism, established by George Moore in 1861 with the doctrine that white Anglo-Saxons are the true descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel mentioned in the Bible. England and North America, not Israel, are said to be the geographical Promised Land offered by God to His children.

In the 1950s, a California Nazi named Wesley Swift adopted many British Israelism teachings and named his faith the Identity Movement. Identity theology names Jews as Satan's children and has the white race superior to other races. All nonwhites—or "muds"—are undeserving of life because they do not have human souls.

In the mid-1970s, Reverend Richard Girnt Butler consolidated British Israelism and the Identity Movement into the Church of Jesus Christ Christian. According to Butler, Christ was not a Jew but the divinely born founder of the white northern European peoples. From his pulpit in Hayden Lake, Idaho, Butler preaches that "God's truly chosen people should rise up and smash the lying, murdering Jews, the muds, the atheists and the communists." Butler has also declared that "any interracial marriage committed by a church member will be punished by death." Butler founded the political arm to his church in 1979 and called it Aryan Nations, borrowing the name of Adolf Hitler's Aryan "master race." In fact, the Aryans were an ancient tribe of East Indians.

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I can think of some things I'd like to do to them when they show up."

"I'll bet you could," Graham laughs, and several of the boys guffaw.

Wray is still dumbly pondering whether the joke is on him when a short, frizzy-haired fellow in his early forties, wearing a brown suit, clears his throat and stands up. "Well, I guess we should get started, Ernie," he says.

The man is Lawrence Poznikoff, and he is the most articulate of the group in the den. He does a brisk business importing right-wing videos from the U.S. and selling them to subscribers. "Many of you know that government agents in both the United States and Canada make a lot of money from the importation of illegal drugs," Poznikoff says. "This video I'm about to show you tells how the Jewish-controlled media centers attention on South America so as to allow these agents to operate freely in Asia, where 90 percent of all heroin comes from. In alliance with Zionist forces, the CIA protects the poppy fields in the Golden Triangle, while busting the cocaine trade in Peru, Ecuador and Colombia."

He flicks on the video, a cable-TV lecture given by Bo Gritz, a Green Beret war hero lionized by the far right. The skinheads in the room, accustomed to meetings enlivened by beer and the hard, pounding beat of neo-Nazi music shrieked by such groups as Screwdriver, are—in a matter of minutes—thoroughly bored. Graham gets up and leaves the room, followed by his young friends, then me, Wray, Burl and Britskie, who apologizes to Graham and the others in the crowded hallway: "We had a really good video planned on how the Bible calls for segregation, but Poznikoff wanted to show this one instead. Here, lemme get those pictures we took at Reverend Butler's All Nations' Aryan Conference last summer. I got everybody in 'em."

Britskie steps into a storeroom and emerges with both hands filled with four-by-six photos. He begins passing them around. Like Larry Kish's collection, Britskie's photos show that red swastika flags, red sheets, red hoods and burning crosses were all the rage last summer at Hayden Lake. Ernie points out the Reverend Butler posing beside himself; Butler posing beside Larry Kish; Butler posing beside Scott Graham.

The next few photos are of a floodlit


night parade. A brigade of red-hooded Nazis marches before hundreds of Swastika-waving supporters. Reverend Butler stands above the parade on a podium, offering the fascist salute, flanked by 20 small children in Brownshirt uniform. The photos are taken from a point high above the scene, perhaps from a guard tower, and show the entire field ringed by searchlights and burning crosses. The event, for all its crafted Wagnerian drama, could easily be mistaken for a 1930s Nazi rally in Germany.

"I guess those guys are well-prepared down there," I say to Britskie.

"You better believe it," he replies. "I didn't buy any guns from Larry Kish because my wife wouldn't let me," he laughs. "But the war's coming. All it's gonna take is a spark. Maybe a stock market crash to expose the Jews, maybe just one Chinaman too many coming over here. More and more people are seeing things our way all the time. They're fed up with not being able to afford a house because of chinks, or payin' interest rates jacked up by Jews. You better believe that things are set to go off."

All this may sound like the pipe dream of a loud but feckless man. Certainly good-natured Ernie Britskie is not the

type to strike the first blow in a race war. Yet a few hours after I leave the Freedom Coalition meeting, a violent racial incident occurs in the 1600 block of East 35th Avenue. At 3 a.m. on January 24, just nine blocks from Britskie's house, the home of East Indian Sheban Ali is fire-bombed. Ali's relatives maintain he had no known enemies and say they are shocked by the act. There is no evidence linking the bombing to Britskie or his followers: they do not, as they say, advocate violence except in self-defense. But Aziz Khaki of the Committee for Racial Justice offers the following words of caution: "Vancouverites must understand that racism, whether it is preached by Nazis or respectable citizens, produces a climate where fire-bombings seem like an appropriate way to air frustrations. You cannot have Nazis feeling that their cause is supported by people in high places without expecting those Nazis to feel tempted to act."

Perhaps if tensions in this town do flare into violence, Britskie's pipe dream of race war will become reality. And though they appear bumbling, many of Vancouver's white supremacists say they will not be beating their swords into plowshares during the melee. 

BIG BOOTS AND BAD ATTITUDES

When skinheads called her a monkey and trashed her TV talk show in February, 1988, Oprah Winfrey said, "I have never felt such hatred and evilness in my life." Dressed as punk combatants in a war against democratic decency, skinheads are part of a new Nazi fashion, "the fastest growing segment of the racist right," according to an article called *Skinhead Nation* by Jeff Coplon, which appeared in the December, 1988, issue of *Rolling Stone*. Coplon says that in the U.S., "skinheads have been charged with three murders and countless assaults and acts of vandalism, from burning crosses on front lawns to spraying swastikas on synagogues." A recent report from the U.S.-based Anti-Defamation League noted a skinhead surge from a few hundred in 1986 to over 4,000 today.

The skinheads originated in the early 1970s in England, home since 1934 to a Nazi movement called the National Front. As nonwhite immigrants from Britain's former colonies began to flock to England, racist resentment grew among unemployed white youths who adopted a style of dress

meant to symbolize tough rebellion. They shaved their heads, donned heavy Doc Marten boots, tattooed themselves with swastikas and, in alliance with the National Front old guard, formed gangs. Skinheads roamed areas where immigrants lived, using their "bovver" boots on West Indians, Pakistanis, Indians and Africans.

The skinhead phenomenon was easily exported to the United States, but delinquent white youths in Canada have been late to adopt its style and substance, possibly because until recently they did not feel challenged by large numbers of immigrants. They are reacting skinhead-fashion to that challenge today, and most Canadian cities have a contingent of head-shaven bullies picking fights in bars and discos. Vancouver's growing skinhead contingent resides mostly in the Fraser Valley and the East End, and individuals have been linked to breaking windows, trashing cars and importing and disseminating hate literature. Like other North American skinhead groups, many have joined Aryan Nations.

Pair hide faces, but make case for separation

Greg James and fellow racist Tim Reynolds aren't afraid to make their case for the separation of races in Canada, but they won't show their faces in a photograph for fear of losing their construction jobs.

"First you have to wake up whites to the fact that this needs to be done," said Reynolds, a member of the Aryan Resistance Movement of B.C.

Said James: "I think the majority of white people agree with us but they don't do anything about it. They just spit in their beer about it."

The root causes of many of Canada's problems according to literature distributed by the Aryan Resistance Movement are:

- **Race:** "We believe that each race should have the right to determine its own destiny through self-rule. Our race and culture is being threatened by reverse discrimination, massive forced multi-culturalism (immigration), low birth rates compared with increasing expanding non-white birth rates, loss of freedoms and escalating crime against the white majority/minority."

- **Immigration:** "We believe that the policy of opening the door to millions of non-white immigrants and of excluding eligible whites is leading us down the road of self-destruction. We believe in the geographic separation of races to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all people."

- **Government:** "We need leaders with no ties to 'special interest groups,' minorities, foreign powers or detrimental ideologies. We believe that our racial heritage is our most precious possession."



SURREY

Racist wooing students

Leader holds up Hitler as a model

HAROLD MUNRO

Vancouver Sun

The organizer of a white-separatist group is actively recruiting young supporters in Surrey and North Delta school yards.

Greg James, a self-proclaimed racist, says youth play a critical role in his vision of a Canada with self-rule for whites.

He recently moved the headquarters of the Aryan Resistance Movement of B.C. to Surrey from Vancouver to capitalize on what he says is a wave of teenage recruits.

"High school students are taking an active interest in us," James said Sunday.

James, 21, says the organization is funded by about 20 hard-core members with dozens more supporters at schools and in B.C. communities distributing leaflets.

Attracting suburban youngsters with the help of school-age members has become the movement's major focus in the last year. The activity draws 10 to 15 inquiries a week from mostly Surrey and North Delta students, he says.

Surrey RCMP Insp. Ric Hall said police are aware of the Surrey-based group and are monitoring their activities. Surrey school board chair Jim Chisholm could not be reached Sunday for comment.

James claims a growing number of young white males are becoming part of the movement because they are concerned about violence and intimidation sparked at their schools by non-white gangs.

"We teach youth to be proud of their race and their white culture," he said. "I've always been a proud white person. Throughout school, that type of history is ignored. You always learn about African culture and Indian culture instead."

He would prefer youngsters were taught about Adolf Hitler or the founders of the U.S. Nazi party.

"I admire Hitler," said James, who has a small photo of the German dictator on his living room wall to prove it. "He was one of the last people to stand up for the white race."

The movement, with chapters across Canada and in Europe, was formed a decade ago in Mission. James said the original founders are no longer involved but membership is on the rise since the operation was moved to his home in Surrey.

School staff ordered to investigate penetration of white supremacists

HAROLD MUNRO

Vancouver Sun

It's a disturbing trend in North America. White separatists and neo-Nazi skinheads in pursuit of school-aged followers are moving from cities into suburbs such as Surrey, according to a U.S. agency that monitors such groups.

Loretta Ross says the shift away from inner cities to suburban high schools and college campuses has drawn new members to skinhead groups like the Aryan Resistance Movement and dozens of other white-power organizations.

There are an estimated 25,000 white supremacists in the U.S., according to Ross, program director of the Center for Democratic Renewal in Atlanta.

Greg James, organizer of B.C.'s Aryan Resistance Movement, recently told The Vancouver Sun that he has relocated his operation to Surrey from Vancouver to concentrate on the recruitment of high school students in Surrey and North Delta.

Surrey school board chair Jim Chisholm ordered district staff Monday to investigate the extent of the movement's activity in the schools.

"It's totally foreign news to me," Chisholm said. "We are checking into it."

He admitted there are minor confrontations between different racial groups in the schools periodically, but nothing to indicate the involvement of an outside group like the Aryan Resistance Movement.

James, a 21-year-old skinhead, claims to have student members in schools spreading the message of self-rule for whites and separation of the races. He also puts racist literature on cars in Surrey parking lots.

He gets 10 to 15 inquiries per week at his Surrey post office box, mostly, he says, from students interested in

more information on the movement. He said the group has a paying membership of fewer than 20 people and dozens more supporters working around the province.

Organizations such as this exploit the fears of people in communities where racial strife already exists, Ross said in a telephone interview from Atlanta.

"The kids are very much attracted to the counter-culture movement," Ross explained. "They like the fact that the racist skinheads get on TV and are offensive towards authority figures."

And they listen to racist rock which is not confined to the underground music scene, she said. Ross cited the lyrics of a popular Guns N' Roses song that features the line "Nigger, nigger go away."

Told of Surrey's demographics, Ross said it has the kind of ethnic mix that attracts fringe groups like the Aryan Resistance Movement.

There is, for example, a growing non-white population in Surrey which means white students are in the minority in some schools.

Indo-Canadians — the largest group of non-whites in Surrey and North Delta with a combined population of 35,000 — have been the target of racist graffiti in recent weeks. But there is no evidence linking the graffiti to a racist organization.

While not wanting to exaggerate the level of racial disharmony in Surrey, Coun. Judy Higginbotham cited it last month as one reason she wanted the municipality declared a racism-free zone.

GROUP URGES MORE WHITES

Stories by John Bermingham
Staff Reporter



JACK VOLRICH
denies racism charge

Money sought to aid Anglo immigrants

A group promoting English-speaking immigrants was accused yesterday of racism.

The Euro/British Immigration Aid Association wants more European immigrants and is lobbying Ottawa to let them in.

"They are a white supremacist organization," said Roisin Sheehy-Culhane, of the B.C. Human Rights Coalition.

"It's part of that whole part of white supremacy ... where immigrants and refugees are taking over the country and white people are going to be in a minority."

Principals behind the Euro/British Immigration Aid Association

include former Vancouver mayor Jack Volrich of Shaughnessy, retired marketing consultant Rex Werts of Quilchena, and retired public relations man Reg Meek of West Vancouver.

Members include financiers, businessmen and a retired major-general who lives in Victoria.

The association recently published an ad in Vancouver's Celtic Connection newspaper seeking donations of up to \$150 to fund

legal assistance for would-be immigrants "whose mother tongue is English."

It said it wants "changes in immigration policies so that the most adaptable, best-educated or trained, whose mother tongue is English, are once again the largest accepted number of immigrants into this country."

In an accompanying article, business consultant Robert Davies said the group is concerned about

the "obvious discrimination that now exists towards people from Europe and Britain."

"Meanwhile, the doors for people who are far less suitable are being deliberately opened wider."

Celtic Connection publisher Maura McCay was at two recent association meetings — one at the home of Vancouver businessman Bill Mortifee — and said they were attended by "fairly prominent business people."

She said her paper was flooded with calls of protest after the ads were published, and it won't accept any more.

Volrich denied the association is racist.

"It does not stand for any discrimination," he said. "It simply

stands for changes in immigration policies which will encourage people ... from whatever part of the world they come from without any bias or discrimination."

Volrich said he is not the group's spokesman.

But Werts said Volrich is the spokesman and added: "I will stay in the background because there's no use for two voices when one will do."

Werts' wife Juliet, asked if the association was racist, said "Who built Canada? Who put all the work and development into it?"

"And now we have 100,000 Sikhs in B.C. alone. I think that is out of proportion."

Businessmen lead society's roster

Some of the people behind the Euro/British Immigration Aid Society are:

John Jacob Volrich, 64, the mayor of Vancouver from 1976 to 1980, helped form the association in 1989. Volrich, a lawyer who has been an immigration consultant, in 1987 was suspended for two years by the B.C. Law Society for wrongful conversion of a client's estate funds. He is now practising law again.

Rex Werts is a former advertising director of the News Herald and is a former

president of the Men's Canadian Club of Vancouver. In a 1970 speech Werts lashed out at "unpatriotic teaching" in schools "worsened by an influx of non-Canadian professors who neither know nor care about the moral and spiritual foundations on which Canada is built."

Reg Meek is a public relations man who in 1958 became media spokesman for MacMillan Bloedel. He later established his own PR consulting firm and still runs an office from his West Vancouver home.

Bill Mortifee, 86, the father of singing sisters Ann and Jane, immigrated from South Africa and made his fortune as the man who brought color photo-finishing to Vancouver, as owner of Mortifee Munshaw. He is a former vice-chairman of the B.C. human rights council and a former president of the Men's Canadian Club.

Ronald J. Webster, former chairman of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, was in at the beginning when the association was

formed. He resigned as a director a couple of years ago due to sickness, but he still supports the group's aims.

He said at his West Vancouver home yesterday that B.C. is "prone" to large numbers of Hong Kong and South American immigrants.

"It would be nice to see a balance maintained," he said. "I wish them well. I don't know if they are King Canute, trying to push the tide out."

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Hate messengers

By Tom Hawthorn
Staff Reporter

New breed of bigot emerges

Tony McAleer began his career as a white separatist by handing out leaflets on city streets.

He later opened a hate hotline, was found in contempt of court and faces a jail term, depending on the outcome of his appeal.

Now McAleer is about to sponsor a speech in Vancouver by Tom Metzger, a notorious white supremacist from California who founded a group called White Aryan Resistance (WAR).

"I think this city needs a jolt," said McAleer, 25.

McAleer, who is on unemployment insurance since he lost his job as an exterminator after his conviction, aims to deliver that jolt in a stepped-up campaign of what he calls civil disobedience.

"Gandhi did it, why can't we?" he said.

McAleer is part of a new breed of hate propagandists who reject

labels of right and left in favor of a coalition of whites who want an Aryans-only nation.

"I don't care what your politics are as long as race comes first," he said.

"The Jewish lobby" has too much power, McAleer said, adding that he is angry at the "white elite in our government who has sold out to them."

Metzger's speech is scheduled for Jan. 22 at an unidentified location in Vancouver.

Metzger and his son John, the leader of WAR's youth wing, were deported from Toronto last summer after speaking at a rally of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front.

The immigration department says Metzger needs ministerial approval before he can return.

"We're talking about a criminal," said Ian Kagedan of B'nai Brith Canada. "As Canadians, we should recognize people whose activities are designed to disrupt peace and harmony in our community."

Metzger, 54, is a back-slapping television repairman who has been at the forefront of the revival of hatemongers on the West Coast.

A former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, Metzger lives in Fallbrook, Calif., where he publishes a newspaper and runs a hate hotline featuring "torchlight talks."

In 1990, an Oregon jury found Metzger responsible for inciting two skinheads who murdered a 27-year-old Ethiopian in Portland.

He was ordered to pay personally \$5 million of the \$12.5-million-US judgment against WAR.

"I admire the guy, because of all the attacks that have been made on him," McAleer said.

"They've taken away his business; they've taken away his house, they've taken everything, and yet he keeps on going."

"I admire people who go the full measure with their ideas. This is not the time for half-measures."

McAleer said he became a racist after race riots in the Toxteth area of Liverpool, England, near where he lived in the early 1980s.

"There's a lot of sentiment out there that I hope to capture," he said. That sentiment is bigotry.

"The difference between a racist and a bigot is that the racist is educated on the subject," he said.



• METZGER •



Date: Feb., 1993

Name: Tony McAleer / Anthony James McAleer

Address: 3576 West 36th, Vancouver, B.C.

Phone:

Occupation: Unemployed

Vehicles: 1. Grey, 2 door hatchback. Lic. no. VTM 764
2. Arles, Light Blue, Lic. No. TSP 822
(Note: these vehicles observed at McAleer's residence).

Notes:

Tony McAleer is a "high profile" fascist; he is accessible to the media for interviews and articles. At 25 years old, he aspires to be a well known leader for the fascist movement in Canada. At present, his activities focus around the "Canadian Liberty Net", a telephone hate-line which is the central propaganda and recruiting tool of Vancouver-area fascists. Attended Aryan Nations gathering at Hayden Lake, Idaho in April 1989. Charged with assault in Feb., 1990 (result unknown). Connected to Aryan Resistance Movement, Aryan Nations, and Tom Metzger's White Aryan Resistance.

Clash between racists, foes feared

WILLIAM BOEI
Vancouver Sun

Vancouver police say they are ready for trouble Friday evening, when neo-Nazis and anti-racist groups have scheduled simultaneous meetings outside the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Local neo-Nazis plan to gather at the art gallery to get directions to a secret location for a speech by U.S. racist leader Tom Metzger, who is barred from Canada but has vowed to be here anyway.

The B.C. Organization to Fight Racism says the neo-Nazis are testing Greater Vancouver's resolve. The group hopes to have up to 3,000 people at the gallery for one of the largest anti-racist rallies in Canadian history.

Anti-racists are concerned not only about Metzger, said secretary Alan Dutton, but also about neo-Nazi skinheads who have been trying to recruit followers by distributing flyers at schools and on the streets.

A third group, representing activists from minority communities, is organizing a march from "the heart of the gay community" in the West End to join the anti-racist rally.

The anti-racist groups say it is too late to ignore the neo-Nazis and hope they will go away.

"We think the Nazis have already got a foothold in the Lower Mainland," said Marcel Hatch, a member

of the group organizing the West End march.

"They are testing the waters," Hatch said. "They want to see if they will be opposed."

Dutton said he believes the Metzger speech will be cancelled and was scheduled only to test public opinion.

"It was never planned to take place in my view," he said. "Organized racist groups are testing the strength of this community's ability to oppose racism."

The neo-Nazis plan to meet at the gallery at 7 p.m. Friday. The anti-racist rally is set for 6 to 8 p.m. The march from the West End begins at Nelson Park, at Thurlow and Nelson, at 5:30 p.m.

Vancouver police have contingency plans for Friday's events, said Const. Gord Elias.

"We'll be monitoring all of the marches and rallies carefully," Elias said. "We'll be ready for any problems."

Police prepare for racist clash

Police are prepared for trouble when neo-Nazi and anti-racist rallies are held simultaneously on Friday.

The B.C. Organization to Fight Racism and the Canadian Liberty Net, a neo-Nazi group, are both gathering outside the Vancouver Art Gallery. A third group, Rainbow Contingent Against Fascism, will gather at 5:30 p.m. at Nelson Park before marching to the steps of the Art Gallery.

"We think the way to fight racism is through a broad-based united front effort of all the oppressed," said Saeed Parto, a member of the Coalition United

to Fight Oppression, in a written press statement.

Community support for an anti-fascist action was sparked when the Canadian Liberty Net announced it was holding a meeting at the Vancouver Art Gallery in anticipation of hearing a speech by U.S. White Aryan Nation leader Tom Metzger.

WestEnd Jan. 21/93

Vancouver Sun Jan. 26/93

White supremacist ordered deported

Canadian Press

MISSISSAUGA, Ont. — A leader of an American white supremacist group was ordered deported Monday after an immigration adjudicator ruled he would likely break the law while in Canada.

Dennis Mahon, 42, of Tulsa, Okla., was returned to custody after the hearing and will be deported "on the first available flight," said Immigration Canada official Wendy Bontinen.

He was to stay overnight in a Toronto jail before being put on a flight this morning, Immigration Canada said.

Mahon was arrested Friday when he arrived at Pearson International Airport in this Toronto suburb.

Mahon's brother Daniel has said his twin is a "leader" of the Oklahoma-based White Aryan Resistance group.

Mahon was "likely to commit an indictable offence" in Canada,

adjudicator Bob Murrantz ruled after a four-hour hearing.

Murrantz allowed into evidence a videotape of a speech Mahon gave to the neo-Nazi Heritage Front in Toronto in December 1991 and similar tapes from Germany and the United States, Bontinen said.

Mahon, who was greeted by members of the Heritage Front when he arrived in Canada, wasn't represented by a lawyer at his immigration hearing.

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DEMONSTRATIONS

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Racists escape mob through hotel parkade

WILLIAM BOEI

Vancouver Sun

Hundreds of anti-racist demonstrators stormed a downtown hotel Friday night, trapping about 25 racists inside for three-quarters of an hour.

The demonstrators were among 3,000 people who had taken part in a peaceful two-hour anti-racist rally at the Vancouver Art Gallery.

At the end of the rally, word spread that a meeting of racists organized by the Canadian Liberty Net was taking place in the Century Plaza Hotel on Burrard Street — only a few blocks from the rally.

Police and hotel staff helped the racists escape through the hotel's parkade while 300 to 400 angry, chanting demonstrators besieged the front of the hotel, surging up against a line of about a dozen police and shouting slogans such as "Bring out the Nazis."

A few demonstrators hooked arms in front of the police line and tried to prevent the others from storming the hotel.

Sun reporter Doug Ward was trapped briefly inside the Century Plaza Hotel with the white supremacists. His report is on page A3.

Some implored the crowd to disperse, shouting: "Don't use the Nazis' methods."

One woman was taken to hospital with an eye injury, apparently suffered when one of the hotel's front doors was shattered by a thrown rock, said Vancouver police Const. Gord Elias.

Police arrested two people who tried to get into the hotel through a side door and found concealed weapons on them, Elias said. Several people were also arrested near the H.R. MacMillan Planetarium, one of the racists' gathering points. Police seized a baseball bat and three knives — including a switchblade — from one car at the planetarium, he said.

Elias said he thought several people would face weapons charges.

The crowd began to disperse shortly before 9 p.m. after the racists had made their escape.

A police riot squad with shields and batons, waiting in a parking lot across Burrard from the hotel, was never called in.

At the rally, organized by the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism, about 3,000 people listened to nearly two hours of speeches and music.

All the speakers denounced people who have been using the Liberty Net telephone bulletin board to spread anti-homosexual and anti-minority messages.

"We want no more cross-burning," Vancouver East MP Margaret Mitchell told the crowd, "and we should also be shutting down that hate net."

Victor Wong, president of the Vancouver Association of Chinese Canadians, asked the racists to look inside themselves — not at minority groups — for the source of their hatred.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Vancouver Sun Jan. 23/93

White supremacist skinheads flee hotel

DOUG WARD

Vancouver Sun

As thousands of anti-racists demonstrated outside the Century Plaza Hotel, a small group of white supremacist skinheads escaped like terrified prey out a side entrance.

Minutes earlier they had nervously paced inside the Burrard Street hotel's Salon B which they had booked under the name Free Speech Society.

They decided to halt their meeting and evacuate after anxious hotel staff raced up to Salon B and begged the small group of about 25 racists, mostly young skinheads in leather and bomber jackets, to leave the

hotel as soon as possible.

White supremacist Tony McAleer, looking like a cherubic choirboy in a blue pin-striped suit and grey overcoat, began moving video equipment and tapes out of Salon B which also had tables with neo-Nazi literature.

One skinhead suddenly appeared, saying: "Hey, they smashed in a front window." A young woman in a bomber jacket replied: "Holy shit, we better get the hell out of here fast."

Sensing the unease among his troops, McAleer sparked laughter by flashing them his Conan The Barbarian cassette disc. Asked by a reporter whether he was concerned about the mob outside, McAleer

calmly said: "Odds never worry me."

There was no sign inside Salon B of American neo-Nazi leader Tom Metzger whose scheduled speech had sparked the anti-racist protest.

"Is this bad P.R. for your hotel," joked one of the skinheads to a female staff member urging them to depart. The woman, her voice trembling, said: "You bet it is. I could lose my job for this." The hotel official, who refused to give her name, said the hotel did not realize that the Free Speech Society was a front name for the white supremacists.

The woman, accompanied by manager George Lorenzo, told the racists they could escape by going out the back.

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Anti-fascist gig nets gas bomb

By John Bermingham
Staff Reporter

Police yesterday said they found an explosive during an anti-fascist rally in Vancouver late last week.

The gasoline bomb was seized while an angry mob clashed with police outside the Century Plaza hotel, where a white supremacist group was meeting.

Two anti-fascist protesters were arrested as they tried to slip inside the hotel Friday night.

Police found two billy clubs tucked under their jackets.

One of the men carried what seemed to be a harmless potato chip container.

Inside the cylinder, however, was a beer bottle filled with a flammable liquid and attached to a waxed wick.

Weapons and explosives charges are pending against the pair.

Charges are also due against three men arrested at the H. R.

MacMillan Planetarium, one of the racists' meeting points, before the outbreak of violence.

Police spokesman Const. Gord Elias said police seized a baseball bat and three knives, including a switchblade.

One man was arrested for carrying a club under his coat when anti-racism forces rallied initially outside the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Charges are also expected.

Elias said the American neo-Nazi

Tom Metzger did not fulfil his promise to show up at the Vancouver meeting.

And Century Plaza hotel manager Sergio Cocchia said he didn't see Metzger.

"We were shown 15 photos by police. None of the people in the photos was present."

But a recording on the Canadian Liberty Net phone hotline claimed that Metzger was in Vancouver. "You, like I in the States, are learning the hard way that the government you thought was yours has long ago passed into the hands of treasonous whites of the worst order," said the recording.

RACISM

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Neo-Nazis played hotel roulette

WILLIAM BOEI

Vancouver Sun

A racist meeting that set off a near-riot last Friday had been barred from three city hotels before landing in the Century Plaza Hotel, one of its organizers said Monday.

And the manager of the Century Plaza said he would have shown them the door as well if his staff had realized who the "Free Speech Society" really was.

Tony McAleer, who operates the Canadian Liberty Net — the so-called hate line — said three hotels first accepted his group's booking,

but "somehow got wind of what it was about, and cancelled."

So they wound up at the Century Plaza, a short march from the Vancouver Art Gallery, where the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism drew 3,000 people to a rally Friday.

Several hundred people — including some of the victims of gay-bashings who believe their attackers were neo-Nazis — marched to the hotel after the rally, demanding the racists be turned over to them.

Two people who were arrested trying to get into the hotel were to appear in provincial court this morning.

Const. Gord Elias said police seized two clubs, a crowbar, a slingshot, a starter pistol and a Molotov cocktail.

Jody Bruce Bailey, 20,

faces one charge of carrying a concealed weapon. Gordon Brent Hill, 24, of the same address, faces five counts of carrying a concealed weapon, one count of possession of an explosive substance and one count of wearing a disguise.

Hotel manager Sergio Cocchia

said Monday a member of his staff mistakenly let the racists book a meeting room. He said the hotel will review its booking procedures, but won't discipline the employee.

Cocchia said a 20-year-old male employee, injured when someone threw a rock through the hotel's glass front door, was not seriously hurt.

An immigration official, meanwhile, said U.S. neo-Nazi leader Tom Metzger does not appear to have made it into Canada for the racist meeting.

McAleer insisted Monday that Metzger was in Vancouver and Metzger's voice was on Monday's Liberty Net recording saying he was here but had returned to the U.S.

But regional immigration official Rob Johnston said: "We have no reason to believe that he was here."

Officials of the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism noted Monday they had opposed plans for a march from the West End to their rally.

Secretary Alan Dutton said he feared it could lead to violence, but he commended police for keeping a lid on the situation.

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POLICE PROTECT NAZIS AS RALLY DENOUNCES VIOLENCE AND HATE

Nazis flee

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ANGLES

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by Richard Banner

Activists organizing against racism, homo-hate and sexism routed their targets in an anti-climactic stand-off at a Vancouver West End hotel on the evening of January 22.

Anti-fascists tried to confront the meeting of 25 to 30 neo-Nazi skinheads, but a line of city police, backed by the riot squad in a nearby parking lot, protected the meeting. Hotel management helped white-supremacist leader Tony McAleer and his backers flee through the hotel's parkade.

The 400 to 500 demonstrators marched from a rally of over 3000 people who had occupied the front lawn of the Vancouver Art Gallery. The Art Gallery demonstration was intended to prevent McAleer from using the space to draw supporters to hear a white-supremacist American organizer convicted of inciting the murder of an Ethiopian immigrant. News media called it one of the largest anti-fascist rallies in Canadian history.

The Art Gallery demonstration heard speakers representing a broad coalition of groups denounce the racism and intolerance of fascist organizers. As the rally was ending, chilled after standing in the cold night air for two hours, one speaker announced that the racist's secret meeting place had been found, just blocks away.

The announcement sparked the crowd into turbulent excitement. At a quick pace, a large group of the demonstrators formed itself into a militant parade headed to the Burrard Street hotel. The angry marchers wanted to take the message of the rally directly to its targets — to tell them that Vancouver would not tolerate meetings to organize violence against lesbians and gay men, people of colour, Jews and other minorities.

According to news reports from inside the hotel, the neo-Nazi skinheads were "terrified" at the prospect of meeting the crowd. The neo-Nazis customarily use violence only when they outnumber their victims.

Neo-Nazi McAleer had already moved the location of his meeting twice after hearing that anti-racist organizers were planning to confront his organization. The break-up of his meeting in the hotel signalled the success of the rally in keeping McAleer from spreading his hate-filled message.

McAleer's organization, known as the Canadian Liberty Net, was exposed in the summer of 1992 as the organizer of a telephone hate line. It was prohibited from using telephone lines to promote hatred, and McAleer was sentenced to two months in jail after attempting to get around a court ruling not to operate the line.

The Liberty Net receives funding from US neo-Nazis and the White Aryan Resistance (WAR), as well as from far-right

Canadian organizations. In addition to promoting white supremacism, it is violently anti-Semitic and homophobic.

One recent taped message suggests that gays should be stomped into Burns Bog. It was a "joke", McAleer said in a later message. The message goes on to offer for sale Nazi literature, "hit" songs and holocaust photos.

Since the mid-1980s, Canadian and American neo-Nazi leaders have recruited violent followers among the skinhead community to beat and kill their targets. In Washington and Oregon, fascist skinheads have been linked to hundreds of crimes against immigrants, people of colour, lesbians, gay men and other anti-racism activists.

In 1990, three neo-Nazi skinheads were charged with attempting to bomb a crowded Seattle gay bar, a synagogue, an African-American business and a Korean business. Attacks on people of colour, lesbians and gay men, as well as gay clubs and synagogues, have been reported on the increase in the Vancouver area. In several cases, the attacks have been directly linked to neo-Nazis and skinheads.

A large contingent of lesbians, bisexuals, gay men and their supporters launched the Art Gallery demonstration into spirited excitement when they marched from the West End's Nelson Park to the rally. Chanting slogans and banging noisemakers, up to 500 people stopped traffic on Burrard and Georgia streets to draw attention to the rally. Drummers and entertainers at the rally warmed the demonstrators at intervals as tightly organized security kept watch for fascists who might be planning to attack isolated demonstrators.

While the crowd cheered loudly as speaker after speaker condemned violence and hatred, some of the loudest cheers went to Sumera Thobani, speaking for the National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

"It is important for us to recognize that the racists do not exist in isolation," she said. "The federal government has failed to protect the rights of women, the rights of racial minorities, the rights of gays and lesbians."

Thobani said intolerance and hatred grow out of conditions such as "the government's total disregard for the democratic representation of women and racial minorities at all levels of political life, legislation such as the racist immigration bill which

will severely curtail the rights of immigrant communities, the interpretation of human rights in general and specifically the failure to protect the rights of gays and lesbians in the amendments to the Canadian *Human Rights Act* proposed by none other than Kim Campbell."

Thobani concluded saying, "Tonight we have come here not just to say no to white supremacy but we have come here to say yes, we will work to make a world in which all members of society respect the dignity of all people and where our children can live without the pain and the fear of racism, homophobia and sexism."

Thobani was followed by Ken Walker, a gay man who recently organized a gay community demonstration against violence directed at lesbians and gay men.

"We have to understand that Liberty Net is just one group," Walker said. "We have to understand that racism, homophobia and sexism are right in our culture. Oppression is everywhere in Canada, and it is all interconnected. We can't just say no to racism or no to sexism. We have to say no to oppression in all its forms."

After the rally, Walker told *Angles* that he felt the rally was symbolic of the kind of organizing that is needed, with a wide range of groups co-operating together. "We are starting to see an inclusiveness that wasn't there before," he said. "The groups were there to attack racism, and at the same time people were saying that homophobia was not acceptable. That's a beginning. We need to accept that and build on it."

Marcel Hatch, one of the organizers of the Nelson Park march, said that the rally did a good job at keeping the Nazis from organizing. "Now," he added, "it's time to root out our own domestic fascists, like [*North Shore News* columnist] Doug Collins and Tony McAleer."

"I don't think we should lose focus on the fact that the threat of the fascist movement is not just 'ethnic cleansing'. It includes the elimination of homosexuals and they also want to keep women living barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen. The rally raises awareness that the issue is much bigger than anti-racism."

Hatch adds, "Lesbians and gay men are not going to be the victims of fascism. We are going to be part of the leadership in the fight against fascism."

David Irving's unlucky Friday the 13th

On a rainy Friday 13 November 1992, a British citizen who entered Canada after being told he was not welcome, who lied about why he had come, and then failed to leave within the 48-hour time limit imposed on him, was handcuffed and escorted to Toronto airport by immigration officials. The man was the British historical revisionist writer David Irving and he was being deported from Canada.

This was a bad day for Canadian neo-nazis and David Irving. After a month of playing cat and mouse with the Canadian government, Irving was not even allowed to stay to hear the Immigration Adjudicator read the whole deportation ruling against him. Security staff had to march Irving out of the court after numerous interruptions.

Irving was already on a plane out of Canada when the white supremacist Heritage Front was holding a meeting in a restaurant in Toronto, where Irving had been scheduled to speak to 150 neo-nazis. Effective mobilisation by Anti-Racist Action resulted in 200 anti-racists staging a rally in front of the restaurant and the nazis had to leave the premises under police protection.

Irving had been given notice by the Canadian authorities on 9 October that he was not welcome in Canada, while attending an Institute for Historical Review gathering in California.

Following meetings in Oregon and Georgia, effectively countered by US anti-racists, Irving drove to Canada on 26 October and claimed to be visiting friends in the country. He then flew to British Columbia where he was arrested in a Chinese restaurant in Victoria on 27 October while addressing a small meeting of 70. Taken into custody, Irving agreed on 30 October to leave Canada voluntarily within 48 hours, after the Canadian authorities showed leniency in not asking for an immediate deportation order.

Irving arrived in Toronto at the weekend to address 140 people at the Primrose hotel on the afternoon of 1 November. The hotel room was booked by a member of the racist Heritage Front and members of the Church of the Creator provided security. Irving spoke at length, attacking the British press. "An edition of *The Times* called me an amateur and a nazi. This is a particularly loathsome term - amateur," said Irving. He also remarked to a reporter: "I'm happy to live in a white country. I'm happy seeing black families in Britain ... seeing them arrive at London airport. But I'm happier when I see them leaving."

Following a quick chat at the home of the Canadian revisionist Ernst Zündel, Irving drove to the border to make his midnight deadline to leave Canada. At 23.59 he pre-

sented himself to the US officials at Niagara Falls to learn that the US authorities would not let him enter the country. Irving was caught in a no-man's land and was re-arrested by Canadian officials for not complying with the departure notice.

Irving was held in an Immigration detention centre. He then started claiming that he had left Canada two days earlier, on the night of 30 October, and returned, thus complying with the departure notice. For the rest of the week, he tried to produce evidence of the trip and finally was able to delay the proceedings and get out on bail of \$20,000 on Friday 6 November.

The next day Irving spoke to 70 people in Kitchener, Ontario, while 100 people demon-

strated to skinheads assembled in Vancouver to support him as "the usual bunch of freaks and weirdos" and later referred to Fisher as a businessman who "haemorrhaged words at me for the next eight hours, about his smoked fish business, his fortune, his girlfriends, his tax evasion, etc."

Asked about this later, Fisher denied knowing anything about tax evasion, but explained how he and Irving, as wealthy available back-els, were talking about fun trips to Asia and other similar escapades.

The problem with his story was that neither US nor Canadian officials had any record of these border crossings and there were numerous contradictions between Irving's and Fisher's statements. Fisher also admitted that on the evening before the hearing he had supper with revisionist lawyer Doug Christie, Paul Norris and David Irving and they discussed the case for most of the evening.

Irving's comments about his supporters are interesting. After saying he received \$1,488 in cash for book sales from Heinz Koppe in Vancouver on 30 October, he admitted that a Dresden-born friend, "very much the worse for garlic and alcohol", gave him \$1,000 in \$100 notes and paid for his hotel room in Delta the same night. He then referred to another associate as an "incoherent Billy Bunter".

He also made some interesting comments about women. Before proceedings resumed on the morning of 12 November, he remarked to a woman who was setting up a camera that "we now have women presenting the news on the BBC. They should leave the serious things to men."

David Irving's Canadian tour was a disaster. But it was revealing to see the neo-nazis of the Church of the Creator playing such a key role in security and Wolfgang Droege, leader of the Heritage Front, being in Irving's immediate entourage for most of his engagements.

Irving is now playing the victim and promises to return to Canada soon. But the low attendance at his meetings, his detention, the refusal of entry to the USA and his deportation to Britain have caused serious damage to historical revisionism in Canada.

If Irving wants to visit Canada in future he has to get ministerial permission. Canada now joins Germany, Austria, South Africa and Italy in harrasing Irving. The hope is that Canada will enforce the ban better than Germany, which Irving claims to have visited 40 times in the last two years.

Irving said to the press on 12 November: "I think you will find out at the end of this hearing whether I am a liar or the Canadian government is a liar." Canada has now found out what anti-fascists around the world have always known.

From the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice



How the Toronto Sun saw Irving.

strated in front of the hall. The following day he spoke at the Latvian hall in Toronto to 100 people assembled once again by hard-core nazis of the Church of the Creator and Heritage Front with the local Ku Klux Klan and some fellow travellers of the neo-nazi movement. He was joined by David Coles from California and John Ball, a long-time associate of Ernst Zündel who worked on the infamous Leuchter report.

On 12 November immigration proceedings resumed in Niagara Falls with the arrival of Brian Fisher, a 56-year-old Canadian businessman living in the USA, who claimed to have driven Irving to his house on the night of 30 October to autograph 50 lithographs of Adolf Hitler painted by Conrad Kujau.

Irving also introduced part of his personal diary to support his claim to have left briefly before returning to Vancouver. The diary

Sex beliefs not a right, lawyer says

WILLIAM BOEI
Vancouver Sun

Sexual orientation should not be protected under human rights legislation the same way that race and religion are, lawyer Doug Christie said Wednesday. Christie told a human rights tribunal that sexual orientation is a fuzzy concept impossible to define.

Prohibiting discrimination on that basis opens the door to protecting all kinds of perversions, he argued.

Sexual orientation is not listed in the Charter of Rights, but a recent Ontario court decision held that it is implicitly included among prohibited grounds for discrimination.

Christie asked every witness in human rights hearings this week to define sexual orientation, and got a variety of answers. In his summation, he said it is such an all-inclusive concept it includes child molesting, necrophilia, bestiality and other unusual sexual practices.

"If sexual orientation has any meaning, it can include all of those."

The hearings are to determine whether Tony McAleer violated human rights legislation with a recorded message on his Canadian Liberty Net telephone line. In the message, about a year ago, he said there was merit in the ancient Celts' practice of stomping "queers" into the bogs.

Christie told the tribunal that McAleer should have the right to say so if he feels homosexual acts are morally reprehensible.

He said McAleer intended "queers" to mean pedophiles, not all homosexuals. McAleer, the father of two young children, views child molesting as an act so despicable it warrants the death penalty, he said.

"You can't shut up people who don't like pedophilia," Christie said. "That would be perverse."

In any case, he went on, McAleer meant the comment to be a joke.

"Are we going to have human rights tribunals sitting in judgment on jokes?" he asked.

Earlier, McAleer testified that he doesn't hate homosexuals. "Just don't force it on me."

He said his sources for the information in the telephone message included a Vancouver Sun story about a controversial newsletter of the North American Man-Boy Love Association, which some people argued should be banned from Canada.

McAleer opposed banning the newsletter, saying that "so-called hate literature," including books he distributes, would also be censored. He said he got the information about Celts from a Time-Life book called *The Northmen*, which quoted the Roman historian Tacitus as saying the Celts would dispose of "cowards, shirkers and sodomites" in peat bogs.

But he didn't seriously mean to suggest anyone should stomp local homosexuals into Burns Bog, he said.

"The idea of trampling anyone into peat bogs is an absurd idea, I was surprised anyone took it seriously. I wouldn't advocate — nor ever have really advocated — that people do that today."

The hearings are expected to wrap up today.

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Neo-Nazi breaks Teale ban

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Now, even the neo-Nazis are breaking the publication ban on the Karla Teale trial.

Tom Metzger of the White Aryan Resistance is offering trial details on a Vancouver telephone line.

Instead of his usual rantings about race, Metzger offers what he describes as facts and rumors about the infamous Ontario murder case.

He is barred from entering Canada and operates his hate hotline from his home in Fallbrook, Calif.

Callers to the Canadian Liberty Net are advised by Tony McAleer to call Metzger's number. McAleer reads an editorial about freedom of speech, but offers no details about the trial.

The publication ban was ordered by an Ontario judge after Karla Teale was convicted of manslaughter in the slayings of two teenagers.

The gag is intended to give her husband, Paul Teale, a fair trial next year on two first-degree murder charges. He is also charged with 48 rape-related offences for a series of attacks in Scarborough.

The telephone messages became available two days after a 7,500-circulation Victoria newspaper reported details it said were culled from American coverage of the case.

Campbell Erwin, 26, a co-owner of the weekly *Victorian*, was questioned and released by police last week. He was not charged.

In Ontario, criminal lawyer Edward Greenspan suggested B.C. authorities have little choice but to charge Erwin with contempt.

"It'll open the floodgates outside of Ontario," Greenspan said.

Meanwhile, a Toronto woman has filed a \$10-million lawsuit claiming she was sexually assaulted by a knife-wielding Teale who was "aided and abetted" by his wife, Karla.

The woman, who was 19 when she says she was assaulted four years ago, has also filed claim against the owner of the apartment building in suburban Scarborough where the attack allegedly occurred.

Recorded message labelled propaganda

WILLIAM BOEI
Vancouver Sun

The meaning of words, including the word "queer", can change depending on the listener and the context, lawyer Doug Christie said Tuesday.

But a linguistics expert disagreed, saying "queer" is a term that disparages homosexuals, and that most people understand that.

Christie is defending Tony McAleer, operator of the Canadian Liberty Net, in

human rights tribunal hearings to determine whether two recorded messages violated Canadian human rights laws.

Callers to the Liberty Net's phone number on Jan. 8, 1993, heard McAleer say that the

ancient Celts stomped their queers into peat bogs, and that Burns Bog in Delta could be used in the same way.

Several days later, in another recording, McAleer said the bog reference was a joke, but added that homosexuality is fundamentally wrong. He also catalogued a number of unusual sexual practices, including bestiality, necrophilia and torture.

Gary Prideaux, a professor of linguistics at the University of Alberta, called the first message propaganda.

"It's an attempt to disparage and perhaps mock homosexuals by the use of certain terms," he testified during questioning by Canadian Human Rights Com-

missioner Eddie Taylor.

In the second recording, "the message really is, again, that homosexuality is evil, is wrong," Prideaux said.

Christie said the second message was McAleer's response to "an enormous media storm" over the first message, and to attacks by "people purporting to speak for the homosexual community."

He argued that the first message was exclusively an attack on child molesters, whom McAleer believes should be ex-

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GARY PRIDEAUX

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taken to mean people who are odd, mentally weird or sexually deviant.

Prideaux responded that the older meaning is for "queer" as an adjective. The only meaning for "queer" as a noun is homosexual, he said.

Christie said he will try to convince the tribunal that the meaning of words varies according to context.

"I suggest it does depend on the listener, the meaning of a word. It's a very subjective thing, isn't it?" he said.

Christie also compared the Burns Bog message to satirist Jonathan Swift's *A Modest Proposal*, an 18th-century work suggesting the Irish eat babies to overcome a famine.

Hate line hearing

by Inaiax Popat

Liberty Net, the Surrey-based telephone hate line, faces an inquiry for promoting hatred towards homosexuals.

A tribunal appointed by the Canadian Human Rights Commission is investigating Liberty Net as a result of a complaint launched by John Paisant one year ago under section 13 of the Canadian *Human Rights Act*. Paisant had found stickers advertising the phone line on Main and Broadway and again at Kwantlen College in Richmond. He was offended by the message he heard on Liberty Net which said that queers should be stomped into Burns Bog. "I just about blew up," says Paisant. "I felt quite afraid, fearful and angry." So he reported it to the Human Rights Commission.

"It only takes one person to do something," he says. Paisant also recently complained of an attack against him at the Commercial Drive Legion (see above).

Hearings into Paisant's complaint that Liberty Net had violated the *Human Rights Act* began on Monday, January 24. Doug Christie, a

lawyer who makes his career representing racists and neo-nazis such as Ernst Zündel, represented Tony McAleer, the operator of Liberty Net. McAleer was also the organizer of a white supremacist meeting held last year in Vancouver.

Christie attempted to defend McAleer with several arguments, including the fact that sexual orientation is not protected by the *Human Rights Act* nor the *Charter of Rights*. He also argued that the message on the phone did not promote hate towards homosexuals, but rather against pedophiles. Asserting that pedophilia is hateful and against the law, he tried to make Paisant agree that it is okay to hate pedophiles, but failed.

The final argument Christie tried to present was that the recorded message wasn't meant to be serious; it was tongue-in-cheek, he said.

Paisant's lawyer, Prakash Durr, present three witnesses including community activists Betty Baxter and Harry Grumsky, as well as a linguistics professor from Alberta. Durr felt that they had a good chance winning considering the fact that Liberty Net has already been charged for racist messages by the Commission. The Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission suspended Liberty Net's night telephone service for the same messages.

How the ruling will affect the operation of



Photo by I I Kezmoshenko.

Liberty Net is still unclear. Even after being charged with spreading racist messages, the line was still allowed to operate. The *Human Rights Act* cannot shutdown the phone line. If the human rights tribunal supports Paisant's complaint, it would ask Liberty Net to stop broadcasting the messages. If Liberty Net continues, they can arrest McAleer but they can't stop Liberty Net from operating.

Group told to end hate messages

BILL BOEI

Vancouver Sun

Tony McAleer and the Canadian Liberty Net were ordered Thursday to stop spreading hatred about homosexuals.

A federal human rights tribunal found McAleer's recorded messages — particularly one that suggested "queers" should be trampled into Burns Bog — violated the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Chair Keith Norton said the tribunal gave its verdict immediately following four days of hearings because people in Vancouver's gay and lesbian communities are living in an atmosphere of anxiety.

"The evidence established that the messages were and are likely to expose persons to hatred or contempt by reason of their sexual orientation," Norton said in his oral verdict.

Written reasons will follow later. The verdict won't solve the prob-

lems of homophobia and anti-gay violence, said activist Ken Walker but it's a step forward.

The verdict, he said, "recognizes that lesbians and gay men are subject to this kind of hatred. But it does not mean that the fear in the community is going to go away."

Walker praised the courage of John Payzant, a gay man who filed a complaint about the Liberty Net messages and testified during the hearings. He said it is important to challenge hateful attitudes but urged caution because there is a history of violence and death threats against gays and lesbians.

McAleer said he wasn't surprised by the verdict, which he said will be appealed.

"It doesn't matter what evidence you put before (human rights tribunals)," he said. "They find what they want to find. I knew we weren't going to win before I walked into that hearing room."

It was the second citation for

human rights violations for McAleer and the Liberty Net. In 1992, another tribunal ordered them to stop playing taped hate messages from neo-Nazi groups around the world. McAleer was found in contempt of court during the hearings for violating an interim order.

Both the order and the contempt finding are under appeal.

Human rights tribunals can't impose penalties, but defying their orders can lead to Federal Court contempt citations, with a maximum penalty of one year in prison and a fine of \$5,000.

The tribunal ordered McAleer, the Liberty Net and their associates "anywhere in Canada" to stop distributing telephone messages that expose persons to hatred or contempt on the basis of prohibited grounds, "including sexual orientation and in particular on the basis of homosexuality."

They rejected McAleer's defence that he used the word "queers" to mean child molesters, not all homosexuals, and that the Burns Bog reference was a joke.

Norton said the tribunal did have concerns about several issues raised by McAleer's lawyer, Doug Christie. He questioned where the line should be drawn between fair comment and hate propaganda. And he asked whether pedophiles could claim protection under human rights laws, since there is no firm definition of sexual orientation.

"Parliament and the higher courts are going to have to address some of those issues," Norton said.

McAleer, asked what the verdict means, said, "Child molesters are now protected under the Human Rights Act. If you can't criticize child molesters, there is no free speech in Canada."

HUMAN RIGHTS

Gays suffer shame, hurt tribunal told

—WILLIAM BOEI
Vancouver Sun

"You're the lesbian," people would whisper when Betty Baxter knocked on their doors during last fall's federal election campaign.

"Me, too," some of them would say, and then close the door. One man smiled and gave her the thumbs-up sign — and closed his door.

"I'm just like you," Baxter recalled an elderly woman whispering. But she, too, closed the door.

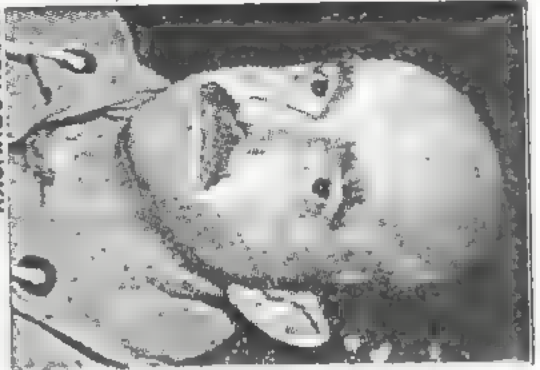
Baxter told a federal human rights tribunal Wednesday there were many lesbians and gays who would not openly acknowledge their orientation, but couldn't openly talk to a known lesbian on their front steps.

Baxter, the New Democratic Party's candidate in Vancouver Centre, was testifying in a human rights case against Tony McAleer, who suggested in a recording on his Canadian Liberty Net telephone line last year that "queers" should be stomped into Burns Bog.

She said the shame and hurt people showed when she went door to door "made me realize that behind those closed doors all over the city, there are people who are afraid to talk about their sexual orientation."

Asked to comment on McAleer's comments, she said: "Whoever wrote this basically thinks that gays and lesbians don't have the right to be what they are, and thinks they should be removed."

"It gives those people behind the



HARRY GRUNSKY: recalled "gay bashing" episode

doors another reason not to come out."

Vancouver is known in the gay community as a welcoming city, said Harry Grunsky, another witness Wednesday at the human rights hearings.

At one time only the downtown's West End was known for its accepting atmosphere for gays, Grunsky said, but that has expanded to include the Commercial Drive area on the east side and Kitsilano on the west side.

At the same time, the streets are becoming less safe for gays, he said. Grunsky related his own experience with gay-bashing, when two men followed him at night on a downtown street, taunting and insulting him. He eventually fought with them, suffered a bloody nose and pressed charges.

After his story appeared in *The Vancouver Sun*, he was sent a hate letter whose writer called him a faggot and threatened to attack him again "when you least expect it."

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Hate messages ruled illegal

Canadian Press

Anti-gay recordings banned

A federal human rights tribunal yesterday ordered a Vancouver-based group to stop using recorded telephone hate messages.

The messages, on a phone line run by the Canadian Liberty Net and Tony McAleer, exposed people to hatred or contempt on the basis of their sexual orientation, ruled the three-member tribunal.

Among other things, the Liberty Net messages said the ancient Celts

had "not such a bad idea" when they used to "take queers and trample them into peat bogs."

The tribunal issued its ruling in Vancouver after a complaint by a man named John Payzant.

The ruling is the first by a federal human rights tribunal that discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation is illegal.

"It confirms that it should be treat-

ed as part of our law," said Bill Pentney, a lawyer with the Canadian human rights commission, which took the case to the tribunal.

"Given the kind of prejudices that exist in this society against gay and lesbian people and given the misunderstanding that is out there, it is important that the tribunal has found... messages like this can't be broadcast on the telephone."

Payzant complained a year ago that the phone messages made him angry and fearful.

McAleer's lawyer, Doug Christie, said the recordings were meant to be humorous.

And McAleer claimed he did not mean all homosexuals, but was talking about perversions like pedophilia and necrophilia.

But Payzant said: "It's not a joke. Gays are bashed so much."

"What's so funny about stomping them into a bog?"

Skins patrol

by Imtiaz Popat *Angles January 1994*

Anti-nazi skinheads have been patrolling along Davie Street for the last couple of months to keep the streets safe from neo-nazi skinheads.

"We have been a visual and a physical threat to stop the nazi skinheads from gay bashing on the streets," says Piglet, a member of Skinheads Against Racial Prejudice (SHARP).

Skinheads were not originally neo-nazis says Piglet. They were a Jamaican youth culture who listened to ska music. This culture was transported to England in the '50s with the Jamaicans who emigrated there. The ska skinhead culture became popular among working class English youth as they mixed with the Jamaican immigrants. Because a lot of them were working class factory workers, they dressed in work boots, bomber jackets and shaved their heads. "They had this thug image and that's why the neo-nazis took over this look," says Piglet. "How neo-nazis became skinheads escapes me because the original skinheads or mods as they were called were so integrated as blacks and whites".

"We are trying to get back to our traditional roots of the original skinhead culture," says Piglet. "Punk Nazi culture is different. Their music is more thrashy, hard and violent. Our music is more '50s, like "My boy lollipop". We are a dance culture with its own dance steps."

SHARP started in New York in the late '70s as a way to fight the nazi punk movement.

The patrols on Davie started when Piglet moved into the area a couple of months ago. Piglet was a member of SHARP for several years in Calgary. When he moved into the area, he and his friends saw the need to keep the neo-nazis off Davie. Many of Piglet's friends started coming to Davie to help Piglet patrol. They also connected with others who identified with SHARP. Some of them are also gay or bisexual.

The SHARP skinheads don't want people to be afraid of them. They want people to be able to



SHARP'S Ugi (left) and Piglet. Photo by I I Kozachenko.

approach them to ask them what is going on. "Never judge a book by its cover," says Piglet. There are many lesbians, gays and bisexuals who also shave their heads. A good way to tell whether a skinhead is a neo-nazi or not is by looking at what they are wearing on their clothes. If they wear multicolour symbols or symbols that represent colour-positive or gay-positive symbols, then they are not neo-nazis. If they are wearing hate messages or white power symbols, then they are neo-nazis. Also, neo-nazis will not frequent or work in gay-positive establishments.

Piglet felt a great sense of community around

Davie. "We felt safe here on Davie, so it was important to keep it safe for everyone else," says Piglet. "The community has to come together to stop the nazi skins. We are doing a small part".

There have been a number of gay- and race-related bashings cited in the last few weeks. "If people don't stand up against the bashers, the patrols are useless," Piglet says. He wants people to identify the bashers and report them to the police. He says that they can help identify their assailants. "We can stop them and put them in jail". For more information, contact 683-0846.

Fascist sues B.C. anti-racist leader

By Kimball Cariou

It isn't widely realized, but the B.C. interior is home to one of the most active fascist movements on the continent. From its office in Salmon Arm, the Council on Public Affairs publishes a monthly journal with a claimed circulation of 12,000. The Council on Public Affairs Digest reproduces pro-fascist, holocaust-denial, anti-Semitic and racist materials, and advertises similar literature from other groups.

Formed to expose and resist the CPA, the Salmon Arm Coalition Against Racism (SACAR), has become one of the most active anti-hate groups in Canada. Now its director, David Lethbridge, has become the target of a lawsuit for "defamation of character," launched by CPA head Eileen Pressler. The CBC, whose local affiliate ran an interview with Lethbridge, is also named as a defendant.

Pressler's lawyer, Doug Christie, is well-known for representing the KKK in Manitoba, the Canadian Liberty Net for its racist phone message service, Rudy Stanko of the violent pro-genocide Church of the Creator, nazi supporter Ernst Zundel, anti-Semitic teachers Jim Keegstra and Malcolm Ross, and others.

Lethbridge, a university lecturer and long-time activist in the peace movement and other progressive causes, was appalled to find that the Okanagan region was home to a key link in the international network of far-right movements. He has written a number of articles exposing the ties between these organizations.

In a recent issue of *Briarpatch* magazine, for example, Leth-

bridge detailed the activities of the CPA in the Okanagan area, such as its "Leadership '92" conference held in Penticton, attended by about 100 people. A videotape of that gathering shows Pressler introducing Eustace Mullins (her "very dear friend"). Mullins, a contributor to the CPA Digest, as well as to *Christian Vanguard*, edited by James K. Warner, formerly of the American Nazi Party and the KKK. During his 65-minute speech, Mullins covers the full gamut of racist ideology; he denies the Holocaust ever happened, claims there is a Jewish conspiracy to dominate the world, calls for placing blacks on reservations (since they "cannot function in a modern technological society"), and much more.

Yet, as Lethbridge points out, the mainstream press never mentions the activities of the CPA or Mullins, whom it has brought to the Okanagan as a guest speaker several times. While "high profile racists" like David Irving get press coverage as they fly into Canada for an occasional meeting, it is people like Pressler and Mullins who do the basic organizing for fascism: selling hate literature, recruiting members, publishing periodicals. The Canadian League of Rights recognized Pressler's role by declaring her Canada's "Woman of the Year" in 1992. As Sol Littman, head of Toronto's Simon Wiesenthal Centre, told Lethbridge for his article, "Eileen Pressler may well be much more dangerous than Wolfgang Droege of the Heritage Front. It's the ones who wear the suits and ties, not the ones with the Nazi swastikas that we have to watch out for."

SACAR has been busy trying

to make up for the lack of attention paid to these fascists in the mass media. Over the past two years, it has organized anti-racist conferences, produced a 120 page report on racist activities in the BC interior, and written other reports and articles. SACAR activists have built connections with other anti-racist groups, delivered lectures and speeches, and held public events, pickets and protests against racist gatherings.

It seems SACAR has succeeded in drawing public attention to the racist danger in the Okanagan

region. Within the anti-racist movement, there is speculation that the lawsuit, which is potentially very expensive, could be aimed at shutting down SACAR's public campaigning. If the suit was successful, it could also be the start of a series of similar moves against other leading figures in the anti-racist movement.

SACAR is appealing for support, especially for contributions to its legal defence fund. Donations can be sent to: SACAR DEFENCE, 3521 20 Ave. NE, Salmon Arm, B.C., V1E 4M4.

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WOLFGANG DROEGE
Back in court Jan. 27

JUDGE SAYS RACISM IRRELEVANT IN TRIAL

Just the facts

Toronto Sun 94-01-11

By **BILL DUNPHY**
Toronto Sun

A black judge told a white racist yesterday he'll be judged solely on the facts of the case against him — not on his racist views.

Provincial court Judge Maurice A. Charles was hearing final arguments in the bail violation trial of Wolfgang Droege, leader of the Heritage Front.

Droege could be jailed and lose \$15,000 in bail

if found guilty of violating a bail condition banning him from taking part in Front activities.

The ban was imposed on the 44-year-old bailiff after he was charged with assault and weapons offences arising from a street brawl between

White-power killer gains freedom

Toronto Sun 93-12-16

SASKATOON (CP) — A white supremacist convicted of killing Indian trapper Leo LaChance is no longer in Manitoba's Stony Mountain Penitentiary.

Carney Nerland was eligible for parole yesterday after serving two-thirds of a four-year sentence. Prison officials confirmed that Nerland was not at the insti-

tution but would not give any details of his whereabouts.

On Tuesday, a warden at the penitentiary said Nerland was being released into a witness protection program.

Irv Hildebrand said RCMP told corrections officials not to discuss details of Nerland's release.

Nerland pleaded guilty to manslaughter in April 1991 after shooting LaChance in his Prince Albert, Sask., gun shop. Nerland was sentenced to four years.

The move outraged native groups and sparked a public inquiry into how police and the courts handled the case.

During the inquiry, media

reports, anti-racist groups and Prince-Albert-area native leaders named Nerland as a police informant within Saskatchewan's white supremacist movement.

A legal ruling protecting the identity of informants kept the inquiry from investigating whether that meant Nerland received special treatment from

police and prosecutors.

Nerland was Saskatchewan leader of the Church Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations when he was arrested.

Alphonse Bird of the Prince Albert Grand Council said he suspected all along Nerland would be placed under police protection on his release.

"I'm not going to allow myself to be influenced by your racist views, Mr. Droege," Charles said.

Earlier Charles had questioned Droege about his group's desire for a "white homeland."

The outspoken judge also upbraided Droege's lawyer, Harry Doan, for arriving 30 minutes late.

Charles started the trial without waiting for Doan to show. When the defence lawyer finally did show, the judge laced into him.

Charles ordered Droege to reappear Jan. 27 to hear his decision.

Heritage Front boss jailed

Toronto Sun
93-12-03

By **BILL DUNPHY**
Toronto Sun

White racist leader Wolfgang Droege will spend the weekend in jail because he wouldn't admit to his criminal past.

Droege, the 44-year-old front man for the supremacist Heritage Front, was picked up by the cops Tuesday and charged with failing to comply with bail conditions slapped on him following a June charge of aggravated assault.

Yesterday a bail hearing ground to a halt

after Droege's lawyer — with his consent — refused to admit to three U.S. criminal convictions from the '80s that the Crown sought to introduce at the hearing.

Droege spent most of the '80s in U.S. prisons after he was convicted in a bizarre Ku Klux Klan plot to overthrow the government of Dominica. He was also nabbed getting off an airplane in Georgia with four ounces of cocaine and a teflon knife in his possession.

He has admitted to those convictions, includ-

ing a provincial tribunal aimed at stripping him of his bailiff's appointment.

But yesterday Harry Doan and Droege pounced on the Crown for introducing a slightly confusing FBI summary of Droege's brushes with the law.

"If they're going to allege an American record, they're darn well going to have to prove it," Doan said outside the court.

Justice of the Peace L. Wichman ended the hearing and ordered Droege jailed until Monday.

School defaced with swastikas

When staff at Oakville's White Oaks Secondary School reported for work yesterday they discovered vandals had spray painted the outer walls with Nazi phrases and swastikas.

Halton Regional Police said a brick wall and three portable classrooms were defaced.

Toronto Sun 94-01-02



WOLFGANG DROEGE
Jailed JP at bail hearing

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

Our group is about fighting racism. There are at least two ways of fighting racism. To end systemic racism, one obviously works to make systemic changes. Racism can also be fought on the street level. This means fighting Nazi and fascist groups as they both organize and attempt to recruit a following among youth. We can confront the Nazis by preventing them from organizing (or making it difficult for them to organize) in the first place and by trying to dismantle what they have already built up. This group recognizes the need to fight systemic racism as well as street organized Nazi gangs. We emphasize fighting racism on the streets and educating ourselves and others about the relevant issues.

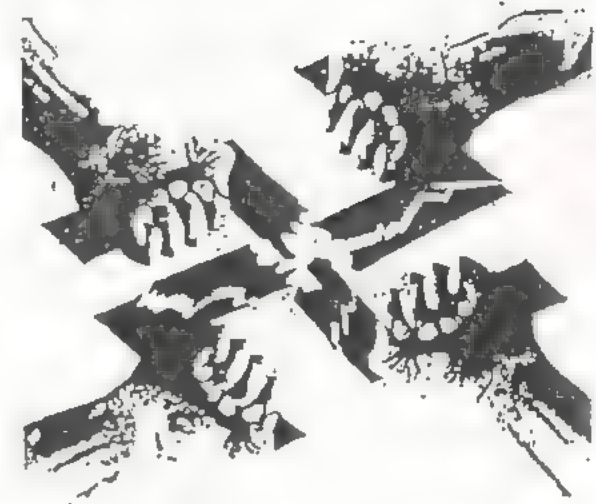
As a group we operate in a non-hierarchical fashion. We attempt to be as inclusive as possible, using our diversity as a strength to fight against those who would divide and oppress us. Our goal is a society free from racism, sexism, homophobia and economic oppression.

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THINGS YOU CAN DO!!!

- * Don't be a Nazi (BONEHEAD!)
- * Get informed, knowledge is power
- * Destroy racist posters and leaflets
- * Bring anti-racists to speak in your school/club/organization
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- * Come to Anti-Racist Group demonstrations, concerts, parties, ho downs, etc...

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NAZIS IN K-W ?

The Heritage Front is an umbrella group for Canada's far right. Local members of the Heritage Front regularly hold meetings in and around Kitchener. They present themselves as promoters of "White Rights" and view the White race as an oppressed group. The Heritage Front exploits feelings of helplessness among youth in order to convince them to join the cause of White rights. Their telephone hotline lies about their real message which is saved for the private meeting hall. The hotline presents the Heritage Front as having a political orientation slightly to the right of the Reform Party. They criticize affirmative action, and oppose immigration, multiculturalism, and the rights of lesbians, gays, women, the handicapped etc... These are presented as "common sense" ideas, however, they are used to justify the violent hate inspired acts of the Heritage Front. A tactic often used by the Heritage Front is to hold youth concerts called "Rock for Racialism". Racist bands play at these concerts which serve as recruitment drives for the Nazis.

Wolfgang Droege (Wolfie to some), the leader of the Heritage Front is a former Grand Dragon in the KKK. He has served time in a U.S. jail for attempting to invade a Caribbean island. This was an attempt to start up a drug manufacturing plant which would have financed White supremacist activities in North America. He has also served time in Canada for assaulting anti-racists. Members of the Heritage Front have committed (and occasionally been convicted of) murder, arson, kidnap and torture, armed robbery and welfare fraud (to finance operations), and possession of illegal firearms, all this in order to further their cause.

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DOWN WITH RACISM!

SOCIAL CLIMATE

So why is the Heritage Front a threat now? Why is there an apparent increase in racist activities? The increase in Nazi organizing is happening in Europe as well as in North America. Reasons for this can be found in economic decline. The depression is effecting all Canadians in drastic ways. Joblessness has grown by leaps and bounds. Elites explain increases in unemployment as a natural part of economic restructuring. The state and the media continually blame the unemployed for being unemployed, and the working poor for being the working poor. Many people correctly refuse to be blamed for their own oppression. People search for answers. The racist right provides twisted answers, but answers non-the-less. Groups like the Herit-

age Front blame non-European immigrants, lesbians, gays, feminists, etc, for the economic hardships felt by all. These groups for one reason or another become scapegoats for problems that are deeply embedded in the current economic and political structure.

Racism has always existed in Canada's culture and economy. In times of economic crisis racism flourishes and so too do racist groups.

Already in Europe the racist right has shown its ugly face. Nightly, news reports show acts of Nazi violence. While the far right in Canada is nowhere near as developed as it is in Europe, the dynamic remains the same. Economic stagnation encourages racism and the targeting of refugees and immigrants. Yet anti-racists in Europe have also been active. Broad social movements have arisen to combat the rise of the right, uniting people from various backgrounds.

The fight against fascism is as global as the economic recession.

While we must fight the fascists locally we must also recognize the global economic and political conditions that fuel its flames.

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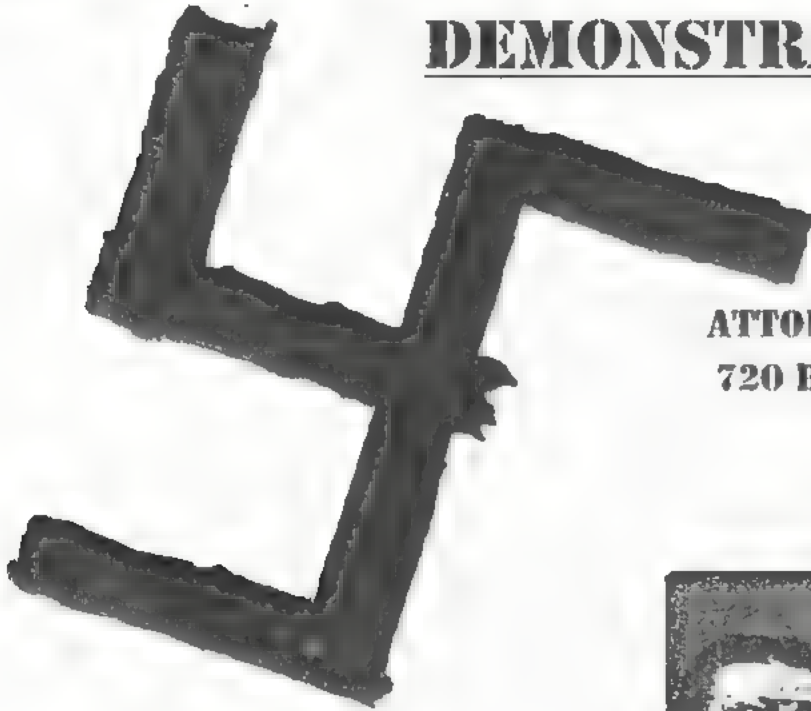
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Last week, a Metro police officer by the name of Denny Dias said something very ironic while testifying about the reasons as to why there were files compiled on innocent members of Black community groups. He queried,

"Were they a threat to the community? Were these terrorist groups?"

The dictionary defines a terrorist as someone who uses terror and intimidation to gain their political objectives.

Armed with this definition, I would then suggest to Constable Dias that the next time he and his fellow officers intend to track down terrorists, they should start at the police station and work their way down.

This attack on Black community activists is just the latest act of terror against Blacks and anti-racists arising from the revolting racial biases present in the police force. It seems that there are no limits to the depths that they will sink. The level of sheer arrogance in suggesting that these Black community groups are terrorists is indeed a classic case of throwing stones in a glass house.

On the contrary, Blacks in this city have been on the receiving end of police terrorism -- terrorism that includes murder, constant harassment, inexplicable strip searches in the street, beatings, racist verbal abuse, entrapment and illegal police intrusions

Constable Dias' further suspicions that these Black activists posed a threat to the community reeks with ignorance. It is quite likely that without the relentless struggle of Black activists such as Wilson Head, Dias might never have been hired as a police officer. But the blame of ignorance cannot be heaped on Dias. Rather, it is the fault of a flawed police force that has unfairly labelled Blacks as criminals.

Anti-Racist Action condemns this blatant abuse of police power and will continue to support Black activists in the struggle against police terrorism in this city.

ARA is also in full support of the demands laid down by the coalition in support of Dudley Laws.

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Metro police probed black 'activists'

Mississauga teen's slaying prompted confidential study
Laws hearing told

By KATHY ENGLISH
SPECIAL TO THE STAR

Metro police launched a probe of "activists" and "radical" black groups shortly after the community erupted in anger over the 1988 shooting of black teenager Wade Lawson, a confidential police report shows.

The intelligence report identifies 13 organizations and 18 individuals — including the late, well-respected Wilson Head and the long-standing Urban Alliance on Race Relations — considered "radical in their thinking."

It also names Lawson's mother, Evelyn Lennon-Lyon, who was identified to police as being involved in the Justice for Wade Lawson Committee, which was formed immediately after her 17-year-old son was shot and killed by a Peel police officer.

Lawson's aunt, Joyce Ewers, was also identified as a member of the committee. The police report termed her "very outspoken."

The report was filed by a police intelligence officer on April 25, 1989, four months after the Mississauga youth was shot and killed by a Peel police officer.

It was entered into evidence yesterday in Ontario Court, general division, during a motion on behalf of black activist Dudley Laws.

Laws, 59, was found guilty Tuesday of conspiring to smuggle illegal immigrants into the United States and Canada. He is



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now fighting to have the decision stayed by bringing a legal motion that he was a victim of entrapment.

The report contains personal information such as driver's licence numbers, home addresses, phone numbers and types of cars owned. It also shows some of those named have police files, although they haven't been convicted of a crime.

A number of black activists listed in the report — including Laws himself — found it ludicrous that police considered them radicals.

"It's ludicrous, totally ludicrous," said Kamala-Jean Gopie, a North York high school teacher named in the report. "When that report was written, I was serving on the (provincial)

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task force on race relations and policing. I was appointed by the government.

"To suggest that the organizations listed in that report are radical is incredible. Frightening, really. They obviously don't understand the nature of those organizations.

"We try and work within the framework. The things we do are not to disrupt society, but to make society a better place."

Laws said police have been following him and other vocal members of the black community for many years.

"The police have been targeting every person who speaks out in the black community, whether or not they are radical," Laws said. "I think they worry we might do things against the establishment, so they keep an eye on us."

"I don't mind being lumped in with good people like Wilson Head."

Head, who died of cancer in 1993, has been called "the grandfather of the Canadian race relations movement."

Just a year before his death, Head, former president of the National Black Coalition of Canada, was awarded the prestigious Harry Jerome Award for his 30-year fight against racism in Canada.

Metro police Constable Denny Dias, the black police officer who was assigned to compile the intelligence report in the wake of the Lawson storm, told court yesterday that new groups are often considered radical until they are investigated by police.

"When we see new groups, we regard them as radical groups. They were radical in their thinking at that time, and my word reflected that."

Dias said the probe was intended to determine whether any of the groups or individuals

posed a threat to the general community. He said he and his partner obtained their information from media reports, attending public meetings of the groups and reviewing police records.

"These groups were unknown to police and we had a look to see the formation of the groups and whether or not they were supported by criminal activity," Dias testified. "Were they a threat to the community? Were these groups terrorist groups?"

He said part of the mandate of the intelligence unit is to investigate various community groups on an ongoing basis. The introduction to the report states that it "concerns Activists within the Black Community and their affiliation with various Radical Groups."

Three individuals — Rostant Rico John, a former radio announcer known as Ras Rico, Gregory Martin Bobb, a North York community activist; and Dari Meade, a prominent member of the Black Action Defence Committee — were labelled "very radical" by police.

Other groups identified were the National Black Coalition of Canada, the Justice for Wade Lawson Committee, the Albert Johnson Committee Against Police Brutality, the North York Inter-Community Youth Group, the Coalition of Concerned Community Groups, the Coalition of Visible Minority Women, the Anti-Apartheid Coalition of Toronto, the National Council of Jamaicans, the Freedom Ride Against Apartheid, the International Committee Against Racism and the Universal African Improvement Association.

Among the other individuals named are Charles Roach and his daughter Sunset, Lemona Johnson, Dorothy Hyman, Sherona Hall and David Meade — all members of the Black Action Defence Committee.

The report indicates that members of the Justice for Wade Lawson Committee, which was formed within a week of Lawson's shooting, include his mother and aunt as well as Milton Blake, Horace Elliot and Sherona Hall.

"The two groups interact and support one another," the report states.

Two Peel police officers charged in Lawson's death were subsequently acquitted in court.

The introduction to the report says "the majority of persons in this report are self-appointed spokespersons or so-called leaders within the Black community."

"The main objectives of these new groups are to stamp out racism within the Police Force, Mandatory Affirmative Action and the establishment of an Independent civilian police review board to restore confidence in the public."

The report does not indicate whether any of the individuals named have criminal convictions against them, but only indicates that Metro police hold a file on them.

"As a matter of procedure, we would look at each subject to see if they have any criminal activity," Dias testified yesterday.

The report was filed to the force's security section, which monitors demonstrations, to Peel Region police and to then-Metro staff inspector Julian Fantino, who headed 31 Division, the division that polices the Jane-Finch community. Fantino is now chief of police in London, Ont.

A copy of the report was given to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police when it began to investigate Laws in June, 1991.

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Fascist Youth and the Daydream Nation

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by David Chokroun

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"Kids love music," says Gary Schipper, spokesperson for local white supremacist group, the Heritage Front. "Kids love to have a good time. The music's very important."

Schipper and I are talking about rock bands like Aryan, Nordic Thunder, and Toronto group, RaHoWa — a contraction of Racial Holy War. Promoted by groups like the Heritage Front and the U.S.-based Church of the Creator (COTC), and sometimes with band members also belonging to the groups, the bands attract youth to their shows and often to their ideology.

"Racist rock has become an effective recruiting tool where it never worked before," says Bernie Farber, national director for community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress.

"Recruitment is very important to these groups because they know that without young people their movement will die."

According to Farber and other local anti-racist activists, the bands' efforts have been disturbingly successful.

"Ten or fifteen years ago, the people in the neo-Nazi movement were all about 70 years old," says Farber, "now they're mostly young people, mostly kids."

For youth, being a member in one of these bands, or going to their shows, gives them a collective sense of identity, says Steve Perry, station manager of York University radio station CHRY. At various times, Perry has been a member of several Toronto hardcore bands and participated in anti-racism rock festivals.

"The scene is a kind of support network for these kids, a kind of extended family," he says. "It becomes a safety net for their values."

I point out to Schipper that the person charged in the brutal beating of a Tamil man last June was seen at a RaHoWa gig in North York several hours before.

But Schipper says the show did not play a part in the man's later beating.

"There's no connection," he says. "If you follow the trial, you'll see that the beating was not racially motivated... The kid's responsible for his own actions; whether you listen to RaHoWa or to some black guy saying 'kill whitey,' you're responsible for your own actions."

Farber, however, says the lyrics of these bands' songs are clearly in violation of Canada's hate laws.

"This [the lyrics] is exactly what our hate laws are designed for," says Farber, "these songs incite hatred and they exhort people to violence."

Negative Response Meets Self

RaHoWa have never downplayed their connection to COTC — their lead singer, George Burdi is also the Toronto head of COTC. Their songs — with titles like "Coon Hunt" and "White Revolution" — are explicitly racist. But other bands have shunned overtly racist messages in order to increase their appeal in local rock or punk scenes.

Negative Response, a punk-metal band, was

founded by Andre Gallant, an Etobicoke skinhead, in 1992. Gallant had ambitions of becoming a cop — he graduated from Humber College's law enforcement program in 1993.

Although Negative Response have denied all accusations of racism, in early 1992, Gallant wrote a letter to *Crossbreed*, an anti-racist 'zine, defending the band's politics:

"They figure because [we're] skinheads that we are singing racist songs. Well, that's not the case... We wrote a song against peace punks. We wrote a song on getting tougher immigration laws. We even wrote a song on the infamous Jew himself, Geraldo [Rivera]."

"I confronted Andre with that letter," says punk musician Joe (a pseudonym), a member of Anti-Racist Action (ARA). "Of course, he denied writing it. It was funny — he was doing his law enforcement course at the time, and he said he was going to sue."

Gallant's letter proceeded to extol the genius of British Holocaust-denier David Irving, "...the world's most [renowned] historian... Did you know that it's written in the official archives of the world in England, it states that 90 per cent of [concentration camp] deaths occurred from natural death and disease."

"Those guys are just fucking trash," says Simon Dysgenic, a contributor to *The New Edition* and editor of punk fanzine *Dysgenic*.

Unlike their overtly racist counterparts, Negative Response have played publicly announced club gigs.

"They were making a definite attempt to hide themselves in the scene," Dysgenic says. "They were setting up shows all over southern Ontario, distributing their tape all over the place."

According to an ARA organizer, an attempt to block the band from playing Toronto's Marquee club last year failed after band members convinced CJC's Farber that they were not racists.

"They were really trying to water down and publicize their racism," says Steve Perry.

Although the band has not made any public appearances in the last six months, Negative Response's efforts to assimilate into Toronto's punk scene mirror the attempts by groups like the Heritage Front to present themselves as legitimate lobbyists in the mainstream media.

The "Freak Show" of White Supremacism

"The whole fascist thing is very sexy to the media," says Kim Clarke Champliss, a host/producer at Muchmusic.

"If there's one guy at a concert, in a crowd of a thousand people, with a swastika on and with his arm out, the camera'll be on him."

Toronto radio station, CFRB, considered the Heritage Front "sexy" enough to invite them onto the John Oakley Show on Jan. 26, to discuss their opposition to Bill 56. The private member's bill, introduced in the Ontario Legislature, was aimed at curbing hate propaganda. The Front members — including media man Gary Schipper — were not, in the end, allowed on the air. There had been complaints that week about comments another host, Jane Hawtin, had made about Muslims — and in light of this, Richard Syrett, producer of the show says, "we Please see "White," p.20

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didn't want to deal with it."

But Syrett does not see anything wrong with inviting the group on the air in the first place.

"We're not journalists," says Syrett. "Talk radio isn't journalism, it's show business. It's about ratings. Look at Oprah. Look at Geraldo. It's a freak show."

Syrett suggests the Heritage Front's comments on the bill contained some interesting observations.

"The Heritage Front said that according to their point of view, this would bring other groups some problems. For instance, if an orthodox Jewish or Muslim group were to condemn homosexuality, they could be prosecuted. It was a case, we thought, of this law making strange bedfellows out of these groups," says Richard Syrett, producer of the John Oakley Show.

"We may find the Heritage Front reprehensible," says Syrett, "but free speech is free speech."

"It was an absurd idea to do that [invite them on the show]," says Bernie Farber. "If they wanted an expert on civil rights or freedom of speech, they could have invited someone much more qualified, like Alan Borovoy, for instance." Farber adds that the Front's hypothetical references to 'orthodox Jewish groups' are unfounded.

Dub poet and broadcaster Clifton Joseph says that white supremacist groups like the Heritage Front or COTC, and the rock groups they promote, are a mere extension of the institutionalized racism of western society.

Joseph sees little distinction between overt racists and elements of the local media which he considers neo-conservative and anti-progressive.

"You can pick up the Toronto Sun every day and get a RaHoWa song," Joseph says. "Or you can listen to what these crypto-fascists on CFRB are saying and get a RaHoWa song."

"These bands, like RaHoWa, are not so much of an aberration," he adds.

And when Oprah, Geraldo, or local media do "expose" on racist skinheads or neo-fascists, it often does more harm than good. A story ran by Eye magazine last summer, for ex-

ample, was composed entirely of quotes from Heritage Front head, Wolfgang Droege.

"The show where Geraldo had a big fight was a tremendous source of recruitment for white supremacists," says Lawrence Jeffries, director of public information for the Atlanta-based Centre for Democratic Renewal.

Jeffries says that in dealing with white supremacists, the media often forsake journalistic ethics for sensationalism.

"I think the people who put these racists on the air are acting out of tremendous irresponsibility; they're just concerned about ratings," he says.

Racists Think in Black and White

The same shock value that endears white supremacists to the media, is also what makes them attractive to young recruits, anti-racist activists say.

"Teenagers are looking for an identity," says Joe of ARA. "The phrase 'white power' has a kind of machismo; it's attractive to some kids."

"Part of the appeal of being a neo-Nazi is the fear that it engenders in 'normal' people," says Farber.

Not all skinheads are Nazis, and many belong to groups like ARA and SHARP (Skin Heads Against Racial Prejudice). The appeal of skinhead style — shaved or buzzed hair, combat boots, and military gear — is in its uniformity and implicit physical power, according to Kim Clarke Champriss.

"The idea of a uniform, of belonging to one common-thinking machine dressed in a similar way, is very powerful."

And a common-thinking machine, in turn, seems tailor-made to accept the facile and ignorant assertions that are at the basis of white-power ideology. White supremacists think of cultural identity in black and white terms; according to Bernie Farber, they cannot accept that different cultures can coexist.

"They're promoting the idea that multiculturalism and large immigration quotas are the death of the white race, and naive and ignorant people can buy into it — without malice, initially. The malice comes later."

Racist concert goes on

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By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun

Chased out of a church basement Friday, about 70 skinheads found a home for their racist rock concert in a nearby bar last night.

The scaled-down concert took place on the third floor banquet hall of a bar in the Greenwood and Danforth area.

Members of the Metro Police hate-crime unit monitored the event and checked the concert's licenses, but no arrests or trouble was reported.

Earlier racist rock concerts have degenerated into violence when skinheads clashed with anti-racist demonstrators.

But last night's cold weather and the elaborate security precautions taken by the Northern Hammerskin organizers seemed to forestall any protests.

A front man for the Hammerskins complained they had to cancel two American bands of the five planned out of fear immigration officials would detain band members at the border.

"We're not out for any trouble," George Harbottle said over the din of one of the band's warm-ups.

The Hammerskins had booked the basement of Holy Cross Church on Cosburn Ave. for their bash, telling the parish priest they were members of a baseball league. But on Friday, police alerted Rev. John Coppinger to the true nature of the event and he gave the bands the hook.

COMMUNITY ALERT

This Saturday, February 26th, the Heritage Front is planning to hold a neo-Nazi concert in this city featuring five skinhead bands from the United States. The Heritage Front is using this concert to espouse its sick, racist views and to recruit white youth into their movement.

Last summer, a Tamil man was beaten into a coma by Jason Hoolans, a skinhead who was returning from a Heritage Front concert that featured RaHoWa (Racial Holy War). RaHoWa and the bands scheduled for Saturday are all on Resistance Records, a label in the States that funnels its money into the Church of the Creator (COTC), one of the most violent, paramilitary neo-Nazi groups in North America.

Although the location of this event is being kept secret, it is certain that afterwards, numerous small groups of fascists, including out-of-town COTC members, will be looking to act on the bands' violent messages. Be prepared and be vigilant. Self-defense is no offence.

We will not tolerate fascists on our streets!

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Droege not guilty of breaching bail

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Radio interview fails to qualify as a violation, judge rules

BY RUDY PLATIEL
The Globe and Mail

TORONTO — The director of the white-supremacist Heritage Front was found not guilty yesterday of breaching bail provisions by taking part in a radio interview.

Wolfgang Droege had been released on \$15,000 bail last summer after being charged with aggravated assault. The bail conditions required him to "not partake" in any activities of the Heritage Front or associate with any of its members.

During the interview on CBC Radio Aug. 6, Mr. Droege prefaced his remarks by saying that he was speaking on behalf of the Heritage Front and proceeded to outline the Front's plans for activities in Montreal.

But Judge Maurice Charles of the Ontario Court's provincial division said he did not feel that Mr. Droege's interview was sufficient to be considered a breach of the bail provisions.

He said that, in giving the interview, Mr. Droege was "skating on thin ice" but had not fallen through. Judge Charles said he would have

found Mr. Droege guilty had he taken part in a public rally or made a speech at a public gathering.

Mr. Droege was arrested last June and charged after a clash between members of the Heritage Front and an anti-racism group that marched on the Front's headquarters.

Judge Charles said the bail provisions were reasonable because the assault charges against Mr. Droege arose out of the clash with anti-racism activists over activities of the Heritage Front.

Gerda Frieberg, Ontario chairwoman of the Canadian Jewish Congress, said outside court that the CJC is disappointed with the decision.

"However, we feel it's appealable and we'll urge the Crown to appeal the case," Ms. Frieberg said. "The judge very clearly stated that [Mr. Droege] was in a way in violation of the bail conditions, but giving an interview to the CBC as he did was not a strong enough case to convict him. We feel differently."

During the trial, Bernie Farber, CJC national director of community relations, was accepted by Judge

Charles as an expert witness. He told the court that the Front was a white-supremacist organization that was trying to recruit members among disaffected youths.

Judge Charles referred to evidence at the trial that Heritage Front members included "skinheads and neo-Nazis who propagate their messages in radio, television, the press and at universities in an endeavour to proselytize."

Judge Charles said Mr. Droege had "a serious criminal record," including convictions in the United States for air hijacking and possession of cocaine, which brought a sentence of 13 years. He said Mr. Droege's record also includes a conviction for the attempted takeover of a Caribbean island country.

However, the judge said he was finding Mr. Droege not guilty because he must "apply the law as I understand it."

Mr. Droege faces two more charges of violating his bail conditions by taking part in television interviews. Judge Charles said he was transferring those charges to another judge and adjourned the cases to Feb. 4.

PARTY PROBES MEMBERSHIP

Neo-Nazi in Reform

By BILL DUNPHY
Toronto Sun 94.02.22

A neo-Nazi ex-con — the first person ever charged under Canada's hate-crime laws — joined the Reform Party last month, the Sun has learned.

Armand Siksna, 50, beat the hate-crime rap back in 1973 but was not so lucky a decade later when he was shipped off to prison for conspiring to murder a fellow racist.

Reform party officials say they are aware of allegations concerning Siksna's past and are investigating his membership.

Siksna — a member of racist and neo-Nazi groups for over two decades — became a member in the Beaches/Woodbine riding last year after applying directly to Calgary.

Reform party sources say the home phone number Siksna placed on his membership application is actually the phone number for the white racist Nationalist

Party of Canada.

The same sources say Reform headquarters had been warned Siksna would be applying — perhaps in an attempt to embarrass the right-wing standard bearers — but his application slipped through in spite of the warning.

Reached in the east Toronto flat he rents from Nationalist Party leader Don Andrews, Siksna denied trying to embarrass Reform leader Preston Manning.

The unemployed former computer operator did, however, admit he got the membership application from Andrews and discussed the idea with him.

"I do respect Don. He didn't say do it for that particular reason — we had discussions about it and I did it.

"I was hoping they wouldn't kick me out. I mean if God and Christ can forgive, why can't Manning?"

Andrews himself said there is no organized effort to slip Nationalist Party members into the Reform party.

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